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By JON IMMANUEL

Farah plans a series of marches and "powerful" demonstrations on Sunday's Land Day, which has been designated as "Palestine Day in the West Bank and Gaza. This is to protest against Israeli government' settlement and land expropriation policies, Fatah head Marwan Barghouti said yesterday. Land Day, observed since 1976 when six Israeli Arab villagers were shot by border policemen putting down a protest over expro-priated land; has been a less important symbol to West Bank Palestinians. Protests this year may be synchronized, however, under the heading: "Settlements are terror."

Yestenday, Fatah and officials of the Palestinian Legislative. Council political committee met to coordinate protest plans. They included Barghoutl, Hassan Asfour (an Oslo negotiator), Ahmed Deik (son-in-law of Abu Jihad), and Nabil Amr, editor of Hayat al-Jadida, the oewspaper closest to the Palestinian Authority. the Palestinian Today. Legislative Council is to meet in Ramallah, but as of last night, the IDF refused to allow Gaza members to eoter Israel to attend. "There is a closure, so no one leaves Gaza," the IDF Spokesman said. Barghouti said that at a meeting of 500 Fatah acovists in Beit Sahur three days ago, "We called on the Palestinian Authority to stop coordination on security matters with Israel until it agrees to change its policies." The PA, however, is continuing security coordination, although both PA and IDF officials have said that for the past three weeks or more it has been on a lower level of cooperation than before. At the Beit Sahur meeting of Fatah area committees and the Higher Fatah Council, "about 30 percent" of the participants called for renewing the inofada and "a few voices" called for armed amacks in the West Bank, but the great majority opted for peaceful



A Palestinian rioter holding a slingshot leaps over a pile of burning tires in Bethlehem yesterday. Story, Page 2. (Bryan McBurney)

Nature lovers ignore Green Line

Deputy Minister Peled charges: **Arafat knew of** World Trade **Center plot**

By STEVE RODAN

Israeli intelligence has evidence that Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat had prior knowledge of the successful 1993 plot to bornh New York City's World Trade Center, which killed six people, Deputy Education Minister Moshe Peled said last night.

"More than that, he was part of the discussions on the operation," Peled said. "I call on the prime minister to give the information to the Americans, so they'll know who they're dealing with."

Peled confirmed information relayed by intelligeoce sources that, several days before the February 26, 1993 bombing, Arafat met with Sudanese and Islamic terrorist leaders who discussed the plot.

The sources said Arafat was privy to the conspiracy, because of Office.

his close personal des to Sudanese leader Hassan Turabi, head of the National Islamic Front. According to a US State Department report on terrorism. Turabi is a leading advocate of closer ties between terrorist groups and their government sponsors. He was also a leading figure in the Fatab-Hamas dialogue in 1995.

Two Sudanese diplomats were arrested and later deported in July of 1993, after US authorities directly linked them to the explosion at the World Trade Ceoter and a plot to bomb the United Nations. Israeli government spokesmen refused to comment on the intelligence reports or on Peled's call for Prime Minlster Bioyamin Netanyahu to release them to the US. "I don't know anything about it," said David Bar-Illan, director of communications and policy planning in the Prime Minister's

A Defense Ministry spokesmith also refused to comment.

But US and Israeli intelligence sources agree that Arafat contin-ues to maintain a large number of Fatah guerrillas in bases in Sudan, 1,200 of whom arrived from that country in 1994 and now serve in the Palesooian security forces. One Israeli source said the number of Fatah guerrillas in Sudan is close to 3,000.

"Arafat continues to maintain a training base in Sudan and the Fatah people there and work closely with the regime and with Iran," said Yonah Alexander, a Pentagon consultant and director of the terrorism studies program at George Washingtoo University. If there hadn't been an agreement with Israel, theo Fatah would definitely have been on the US list of terror organizations."

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demoostrations, according to Nafez Rifai, a Bethlehem delegate to the Higher Fatah Council. The more militant delegates came from among the local activists who led the inofada, while the more moderate elements were from the organized officials of Fatah, including those who came from Tunis and are more closely associated with the PA.

The Higher Council of 41 delegates made one concessioo to those calling for intifada by including in its final statement a call for a boycott of Israeli goods which could be replaced by local goods.

The definition of peaceful demoostrations appareotly inclodes throwing stones and firebombs into the oo-man's land betweeo IDF and Palestinian Police forces in Bethlehem and Hebron. Palestinian policemen have restrained and pushed back stonethrowers who gnt close enough to IDF troops to hit them. "I don't think that stones are vio-

lence," Barghouti was quoted as telling the Independent Media Review and Analysis in an inter-

By DAVID RUDGE

Despite recent tensions between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, a joint Israeli-Palestinian group aimed at preserving nature on both sides of the Green Line has recently heeo established uoder the motio "People to people - nature knows no boundaries."

The group, known as the Israeli-Palestinian Environmeot and Nature Protection Secretariat, is the brainchild of Yossi Leshem, former executive director of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI). Leshem said the project, which

the Dutch government is helping

to finance, is aimed at bringing people together and creating a better understanding through love of nature.

"The idea was born after I learned that Dr. Yair Hirschfeld, one of the architects of the Oslo Accords, was establishing an Israeli-Palestinian Economic Cooperatioo Foundation," said Leshem, who now lectures at Tel Aviv University while continuing to play an active role in SPNI.

"I suggested that the environment is also an economic issue and that we could organize outings for Palestinian and Israeli kids, take them on hikes and into the

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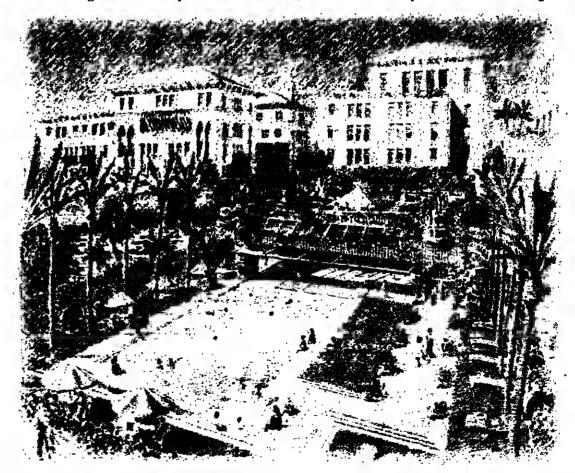




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US Senator calls for suspension of aid to PA

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - Senator Arlen Specter is calling for US aid to the Palestinians to be suspended until the administration determines whether the Palestinian Authority is complying with its commitment to fight terrorism.

Under US law and an amendment Specter authored in 1995, the administration's \$500 million, five-year pledge for assistance is conditioned on its certifying that the PA is complying with its commitments under the Oslo accord.

In a letter to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Specier said that in light of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's charge that Arafat gave a "green light" to terrorist attacks. "it is very important" for the US to determine whether that is true.

Specter requested a prompt response so that it could be considered when the foreign aid bill is taken up hy the appropriations sub-committee on which he sits. "My own view is his [Arafat's] performance is borderline and we've given him the benefit of the doubt because we don't want to rock the boat," Specter said.

Dagan: Terrorists may strike soon

new intifada now that the Palestinians are armed, he told reporters: "Armed Palestinians is Terrorists might strike again soon, Maj.-Gen. (res.) Meir not intifada. It's war. Intifada is something else."

Most of the meeting revolved around the question of whether or Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat had given terror groups a green light for violence. Labor Party leader Shimon Peres was particularly persistent in raising the issue.

According to an official briefing, Brig.-Gen. Amos Gilad, head of Military Intelligence's Research Division, told the committee that Israel has "no clear-cut evidence or information that Arafat had given the green light for terror, hut his style, words, and hody language were understood by terror groups to have given them the go-ahead."

Peres said it is important to know whether the green light was given, because the basic principle behind the Oslo Accords is that differences of opinion would be solved without violence. Gilad said Jibril Rajouh, head

Preventive of Palestinian

Security, had sent out a message that Fatah must carry out violent activities to protest Har Homa. "There is no doubt he gave the green light to violence and made sure activities would take place in Hehron.

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Gilad said no group had claimed responsibility for the Tel Aviv attack because it could complicate matters with and for Arafat.

(It was reported in the local media, including The Jerusalem Post, that Hamas claimed responsibility for the hombing in a phone call to Channel 1.)

Gilad said extremist feelings are running very high among the Fatah leadership on the ground. Shahak told the committee said : there are no concrete warnings of future attack, but they are likely. He said the situation could be changed "by dialogue at a high level.

He also said that during the Hebron rioting over the weekend the Palestinians were quick to get the youths out on the street to protest Har Homa hut also quick to calm them down before it got ont of hand.

Clashes continue in territories In Hebron, meanwhile, scores of Palestinians also pelted IDF trougs with rocks and soldiers responded by

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and HERB KEINON

Fierce clashes between Palestinians and IDF troops broke out in Bethlehem, Hebron, and other areas in the West Bank yesterday for the sixth straight day.

One border policeman and an IDF soldier were lightly wounded in yesterday's clashes, the IDF Spokesman said last night. The Border Police officer was hit by stones in Hebron and the IDF soldier was stoned in Bethlehem.

Shortly after declaring Rachel's Tomb open to worshipers at noon, the IDF was forced to evacuate them, after Palestinian youths, mainly from Bethlehem University, started throwing stones and bottles at troops posted nearby. Soldiers fired nubber bullets and

tear gas to disperse the rioters, the IDF Spokesman said, adding there were no injuries to the troops. Palestinians claimed that 27 were injured in the noting, some from the rubber bullets.

Classes at Bethlehem University ended at noon with a call by the student council for all students to join a raily and march to Rachel's Rachel's Tomh hy evening. Tomb, which had just been

reopened. Approaching the shrine, the students started pelting soldiers with stones and the IDF quickly firing nubber bullets into the croud -The rioting, said Hebron Jewel ordered worshipers to leave the community spokesman Notes area. The clashes continued for several hours. Jewish section. "It appears that he Palestinian Police is finally doing

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Col. Eliezer, commander of the Bethlehem area, warned yesterday something, he said. Yesterday afternoon an inter-driver was lightly injured near the the IDF would deal with violent protests more forcefully if need be. Speaking to reporters while Hussan near Bethlehem after the car was stoned, the IDF Spokener Palestinians were throwing dozens of rocks at the soldiers guarding announced. He was treated by its Rachel's Tomh, Eliezer said the medics at the scene. Outside nearby Beit Sahur IDF troops and Palestinian policetan Palestinian forces were not doing all they could to stop the rioters. He said some 400 students were involved in yesterday's confrontation.

dispersed a group of youths storing His demands to the Palestinian vehicles on the road to Herodion Authority to take a more forceful hand in putting down the protests Police patrol arrested three have had to go through the DCO office, he said, since he has been Palestinian youths who were throw ing stones at cars near the A.Ramunable to set up a meeting with his unction in northern Jerusalem for Palestinian counterpart.

the second day. No injuries or dam-We are well prepared with a vari-ety of different means," Eliezer said, age were reported. Shortly afterward city police arrested three other refusing to spell out what weaponry the IDF has brought to the scene. He said that so far the IDF has reacted with a great deal of restraint.

The IDF Spokesman said calm was restored to the area around



Arafat visits Bangladesh

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat (center) is flanked by Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina (right) and President Shahabuddin Ahmed (left) upon his arrival in Dhaka from Sri Lanka yesterday. He will attend today's celebrations marking the 26th anniversary of the country's independence.

Djerejian: Arafat must stop terror in word, deed

By STEVE RODAN

Palestinian Authority chief Yasser Arafat cannot continue peace negotiations while refusing to fight Palestinian terrorists intent on attacking Israel, a former senior US official said last night.

Edward Djerejian, US assistant secretary of state in the Busb administration, told The Jerusalem Post that Arafat must "assume all the responsibility on his part both in word and deed in preventing terrorism on the ground and make the 100 percent effort that the US is talking about."

"Certainly, the Palestinian leadership can't have il both ways," Djerejian, who now directs the James Baker Institute of Public "lt cannot not live up to its obligations to prevent terrorism and still at the same time pursue the peace process. There has to be a total living up to that commitment.

Dierejian, who is in Israel to

Policy Institute for Counter-Terrorism, called on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to refrain from changing the current situation in the territories and Jerusalem, particularly the construction of Har Homa, and begin negotiations on final status issues with the Palestinians. He warned that without progress in talks with the Palestinians "there will be a sharp deterioration in the situation.

By LIAT COLLINS and STEVE RODAN

Dagan, the prime minister's

adviser on conntenerrorism,

He called for increased public

alert against attempts to plant

Dagan said the Palestinian

Authority and its Islamic opposi-

tion plan to escalate the violence

to coincide with next week's

Land Day, the anniversary of

1976 clasbes between Israeli

Arahs and police in which six

not have concrete information of

a terrorist plot to attack Israel. "If

there was such concrete informa-

tion, I wouldn't be here," he said.

We would be working on this." Meanwhile, Chief of General

Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak told the Knesset Foreign

Affairs and Defense Committee

yesterday that the "ground is

more fertile for attacks," but

Asked about the possibility a

security forces are prepared.

But Dagan stressed that he does

people were killed.

bombs or stage other attacks.

warned at a briefing yesterday.

He said that Arafat and Netanyahu have to decide whether. the recently-signed Hebron accord is the end of the peace process, followed by violence, or a gateway to final status issues such as borders, Jerusalem, settlements and Palestinian refugees. "This is a truly, very fragile crossroads in Policy at Rice University, said the Palestinian negotiations," he-

> The former assistant secretary of state said despite the current tension, Arafat remains bound to the peace process. "I don't think that Arafat thinks or feels that he has any option but to pursue the peace

Later in the afternoon, a Bottler

PA blocks students from going to Joseph's Tomb

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Palestinian Police last night prevented a group of yesbiva students returning to Joseph's Tomb from entering Nablus.

According to Yehuda Liebnam, who heads a Jewish group called "The Nablus Command," the IDF. had said it would allow a small group of students to return to Joseph's Tomb yesterday afternoon,

Liebman said, however, that, when the bus transporting some 30students, accompanied by IDF jeeps, reached the entrance to Nablus, the Palestinians refused to let it through. The bus was forced to turn back, but left a small group of veshiva students in a van, surrounded by IDF troops, at the

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ttend conferences at lel Aviv process," he said. "He bas much to University and at the International gain and everything to lose."

Sharon hears Hebron settlers' complaints

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon paid a surprise visit to Hebron and Kirvat Arba vesterday afternoon. At Tel Rumeida. Sharon listened to Hebron Jewish community leaders, who informed him of the flagrant violations of the Hebron agreement by the Palestinians.

According to Hebron community spokesman Noam Arnon, the issues raised included the building freeze. We cannot build one home or even a room." said Amon. In addition, the settlers spoke about the Palestinian Police and rioters who entered deep into the H2 areas.

Arnon said the number of Palestinian policemen was also in violation of the agreement, stating that "instead of 400 there are at least 1,500."

They also raised the fact that they are prevented from guarding the ancient Jewish cemetery,

where gravestones were recently desecrated.

Sharon said he believes Arabs and Jews can live together in Hebron, but the Arabs must recognize that there will always be a Jewish presence there and honor the agreement, according to his spokesman Ranan Gissin.

objections after listening to the settlers, promised to inform the government.

Also in Hebron yesterday was Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's policy planning aide David Bar-Illan

Meanwhile, before attending the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee session, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, accompanied by OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan and OC Judea and Samaria Maj.-Gen. Gahi Ofir, visited the H2 area in Hebron and spoke with troops stationed there.

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view. "It is peaceful to throw stones.

FATAH

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However, no one at the Beit Sahur conference supported attacks inside Israel. "We are absolutely against the attacks," said Barghouti.

Rifai, who is on a daily vigil near Har Homa, said, "I condemn what happened in Tel Aviv. I think this is the hardest of all bulldozers. But mad decisions by Netanyahu make Palestinians frustrated.

Nevertheless, there is growing coordination and cooperation with Hamas, and Fatah called for more coordination with opposition groups. The idea is to get Hamas to work within a Fatah framework of protests. "For example, we participate with Hamas in marches," Barghouti



Sharon, who wrote down the

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field, and the idea took root" He said the idea is to establish a joint center, probably based in Jerusalem, with a Palestinian chairman and an Israeli directorgeneral, create cooperative projects and establish SPNI-style field schools in the West Bank

and Gaza. One project has already gotten under way, with the aid of Imad Atrash of Beit Sahur.

"We intend to hold a summer camp for Israeli and Palestinian kids on the subject of nature conservation and dealing with the environment," said Leshem.

The joint project is scheduled to be discussed at tomorrow's annual onting of over 10,000 Israeli Arah schoolchildren on Mt. Carmel, under the auspices of SPNI and the Education Ministry.

On the streets of Bethlehem

By HERB KEINON

A Palestinian named Yasser was painstakingly placing white Jerusalem stone on the facade of a new wall protecting Rachel's Tomb yesterday, even as his compatriots were throwing bottles and rocks at IDF troops guarding the

"What can I do, I have to eat." Yasser said, not fazed in the least by the odd spectacle - his building a wall to protect the tomb while Palestinian rioters were throwing rocks in its direction, seemingly

determined to damage it. Yasser wasn't interested in talking much, nor in giving his full name. He lives in Bethlehem, and fortifying the tomh can't at this time be one of the city's favored ways of making a living. The foreman of the Palestinian

work crew huilding the wall was more expansive. "I have 10 chil-dren," he said. "I have to feed them. That is the main thing." The foreman pointed at the scene unfolding down the street - rioters running into the street, throwing rocks, and darting to the other side for safety; tear gas falling from the sky like smoky white snakes. "I have my profession," he said, "they [the rioters] have theirs." Some profession. The image of Palestinians

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But a US counterterrorism official disputed the claim and said Israeli officials might be confusing Fatah with Abu Nidal's Fatah Revolutionary Council, which trains in Sudan.

"There's no doubt there are terrorist groups training in Sudan, but [Fatah] isn't one of them," he said

US counterterrorism officials have "never heard any report of Fatah" training there, he said. He also stated that "there's been no indication of that kind of Sudan connection" to the World Trade Center bombing.

At one of the Sudanese camps. Kadru north of Khartoum, Iranian

throwing rocks and bottles in the direction of Rachel's tomb brought to mind Jewish cemetery desecrations in places like Poland. Obviously there are major differences, but there are also similarities; namely, where there are no Jews, attack the Jewish tombs. Pundits have been trying for days to define what is happening in Hebron and Bethlehem. Is it the

beginning of what will turn into an armed revolt? Is it just the venting of steam? Is it the intifada? One thing for sure, the intifada — at least an intifada along the lines of the late 1980s - is not what has emerged in the last few days. And not only because at the end of the day it has been red-bereted Palestinian security forces who have broken up the rioting, both in Bethlehem and in Hebroa. It isn't the intifada because there are no IDF troops patrolling the city to hurl rocks and concrete blocks on, no civillan cars to stone on their

way to nearby settlements. For an intifada, you need Jews. Without Jews patrolling or driving through Palestinian areas, to attack them one has to go to their cities - blow up buses and cafes. kill women and injure babies. But then it becomes terror - pure and simple; something much more difficult to clothe in a romantic mantle and call intifada.

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convinced," he said.

from the time Bethlehem University let its students out at 12.30 pm, to the time when the Palestinian security forces decided to seriously stop the action at about five.

For those five hours the scene was hard to place - like stumbling onto a movie set. There were angry shonts, the blast from teargas launchers, the ping of rocks hitting lamp posts, the pop of rubber hullets being fired, and the wail of sirens - but not sirens one hears on Israeli streets, sirens that sound foreign, from Albania, maybe Bosnia. The movie-set quality of the whole scene was due to its proximity to Jerusalem, just five minutes from Gilo. Scenes like this are not supposed to be so close - unless they are staged to film movies.

The IDF has for the last few days intermittently declared Rachel's Tomb a closed military zone, but yesterday morning - for a few bours - allowed people to come to pray. When in the after-noon the IDF Spokesman said that the site was again closed, and the worshippers were removed, he was talking about two people, Haim Vaknin who is the custodian of the site, and one other man. Vaknin, who has been in charge

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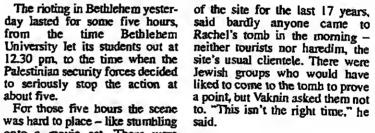
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any Fatah bases in Sudan. In another development, Israeli ing camps in Sudan. "They work together," he said. "Arafat has officials said the Clinton administration has quietly dropped its disstrategic ties with Turabi and he pute of Israel's assertion that has exploited them in order to Arafat has allowed the Islamic opposition groups to resume ter-But the investigator said although rorist attacks on Israel. he has heard of reports that Arafat

Hillel Kuttler contributed to this report.

bombing plot, and was said to have even praised the idea, he is skeptical of the veracity of the SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the Eng." Ildh-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street, Rabbi Mais Leiinformation. "I have yet to be US State Department officials said the PLO has not anthorized bowitz will speak about being 2 wontan i in Israel. any terrorist attacks since Arafat



tion of violence as bulldozers started work on Har Homa, the IDF ordered the closure of Joseph's Tomb, demanding that. yeshiva students from the Od Yosef Hai yeshiva and all worshipers and visitors leave the area. Liebman said that after a meeting with OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan last night/ Opbir ordered all Israelis and yeshiva students to leave the entrance to Nablus, declaring it a closed military zone.

Late last night, the IDF Spokesman confirmed that Palestinian Police prevented a bus. from entering Joseph's Tomb, stating that their reason for doing so was tension in the area and their belief that lives would be endangered.

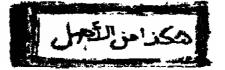


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Netanyahu, Peres deny unity government deal

By SABAH HONIG

Categorical denials that the establishment of a national unity government is imminent and that the portfolios have already been allocated were issued yesterday from both the offices of Prime Minister Binyamin Nctanyahu and Labor leader Shimon Peres. The political rumor mill begun furiously regrinding the national unity story yesterprime minister had not decided to set up a day in the wake of a front-page report in Yediot Aharonot which claimed that talk about portfolio allocation is nothing Netanyahu had already agreed to set up a unity coalition and that he and Peres had. reached an accord whereby each of the large parties would get six portfolios in the new government, with the remaining six portfolios to stay in the hands of the present govemment's smaller coalition partners.

The report also claimed that Peres would be awarded the finance portfolio from Dan Meridor while Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai would lose his portfolio to A firebomb was inter troops on the Halhou by last night, the IDF Spore There were no injuries of Labor's Ehud Barak. Four other Likud ministers would also have to relinquish their seats around the cabinet table but Foreign

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DORIETS. The outcry would shake the Likud to its very foundations and could be politically suicidal even for a directly clected premier. It would be equally wrenching to ask other coalition parties to yield portfolios and clout - even if they now claim to support national unity. Such unity may be a popular cause, but many of its boosters expect it not to happen or to happen at someone else's expense.

Menachem Begin entered the Levi Eshkol government without demanding portfolios is very unlikely to be repeated Labor will exact a heavy price in ministerial appointments if Peres is to ever convince fellow Laborites to follow him into the coalition.

At this point it is highly doubtful whether he can pull this off despite ernment in which theoretically the the urgency inherent in the fact that Right has a majority. June 3 is less than three months And all this can happen only after away. Labor cynics, however, say the Bar-On Affair is over. No one that if the spoils are lucrative knows when that will be and enough, Peres could sway even his most ardent opponent, would-be whether the government will emerge untamished. The present Labor leader Ehud Barak. If the phase may be followed by numerdefense portfolio were offered him, ous petitions to the High Court, Barak would find the justification to serve under Netanyahu, they say. which could make it all the more difficult for Peres to talk friends Likud cynics counter with the question of whether it would suit and foes alike into helping him beat the June deadline. Netanyahu to build up his rival in

Minister David Levy would be immune from any reshuffle. Yisrael Ba'aliya would Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav and Health Minister Yehoshua Matza all came lose one of its portfolios, the Third Way out yesterday in favor of a national unity would retain a cabinet portfolio and United government under certain conditions. Torah Judaism would not retain exclusive Eitan argued that "it's good for the country control of the Housing Ministry either, to have as broad a coalition as possible, but not if it becomes a platform for internal Netanyahu's spokesman Shai Bazak was squabbles and national paralysis."

Katsav said he would support national unity "on condition that common ground can be found on such questions as the goals for the final status talks, Jerusatem, and the Golan. If a broad coalition can function harmoniously with broad consensus, then it might be something we should give serious consideration to."

Matza, slated to be one of those who may be ejected from a broad coalition, said: "Perhaps a unity government is possible if Oslo's architects agree that we cannot do business with the two-faced Arafat."

However, the NRP came out against any talk of national unity yesterday. NRP secretary-general Zevulun Orlev issued an official statement asserting that "the results of the last elections clearly indicate that the

nation does not want Labor in power this term. The results mandated a homogenous right of center coalition ... The prime minister mustn't forget who brought him to power. The NRP will consider a deal with Labor behind its back a betrayal."

Interior Minister Eli Suissa of Shas declared: "I am not bothered by this whole question of national unity because I am not threatened myself and no one will take any portfolios from Shas."

Support for national unity came from one unlikely source yesterday. Meretz MK Avraham Poraz, unlike his fellow faction members, welcomed the notion of "rescuing Netanyahu from the grip of the extreme Right and the religious elements, to which Netanyahu keeps capitulating ... Otherwise he would have never sanctioned the Har Homa construction.

At its weekly meeting yesterday, however, the Meretz faction expressed its strong opposition to a unity government. Meretz called on Labor to stand together as a clear, outside alternative to "this scary govcmment.



in brief

Terrorist sentenced to another 18 years

Sa'id Badama, serving life plus 15 years for a terror attack at the Hadera bus station two years ago, was sentenced by the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday to 18 years in prison for killing his cellmate. Badarna, 27, had been incarcerated with Naza Abu Zina, who he suspected of collaborating with authorities. In August, Badama beat Abu Zina until he confessed. A day later the prisoner died. Badarna was charged with murder, but since he is already serving a maximum sentence, the charge was reduced to manslaughter. Raine Mark Raine Marcus

Anti-Masada decisions praised

The Meretz Party yesterday issued a statement praising the administrators of Jerusalem's Denmark and Labor Values high schools for their decision to stop sending school trips to Masada. Mcretz MK Dedi Zucker suggested observances of Lag Ba'omer should be reexamined for the same reason. Jerusalem Post Staff

Pupils return from Malaysia

A group of Israeli 11th-graders returned from a 13-day visit to Malaysia, and the lessons learned from their trip to the Moslem country are to be studied in schnols across the country. The pupils came from schools in Haifa, the Tiberias area, Hadera, Givatayim, and Bat Yam. A reciprocal visit by Malaysian educators is expected by the end of the year. Jerusalem Post Staff

Unity government not around the corner

according to this scenario.

quick to issue a denial saying that "the

national unity government and hence all the

more than journalistic speculation." A

denial in a similar vein later followed from

Peres, who said that the latest reports "are

thoroughly untrue and without any founda-

tion whatsoever. These aren't serious

night to deny the report that he would lose

Peres left last night for Thailand, and the

view in Labor is that his absence is likely to

put a temporary halt to the national unity

Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan,

Netanyahu also called Mordechai lasi

reports but ludicrous fabrications."

the Defense Ministry portfolio.

By SARAH HONIG

It is axiomatic in the political arena that a national unity coalition could be personally advantageous to Labor Party leader Shimon Peres and in some ways help Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

Peres would be able to enter the government as Labor's senior minister and remain so until the year 2000. no matter who is elected Laborchairman in his stead on June 3. Netanyahu would have a freer hand in charting Israel's foreign and defease policy if he did not have a hostile opposition snapping at his heels and if he could be assured of a near-payonal coosensus,

- But does this make it inevitable that the formation of a broad coalition is around the corner or even feasible? Not necessarily. The big. question is whether Netanyahu and Peres can translate interests into action. Right now this is more dif-

to ditch some of bis most loyal sup-

The 1967 example in which

the next elections by placing him in a prestigious cabinet seat and allowing him to claim that Netanyahu could not hack it alone. Moreover, Netanyahu would be jeopardizing his support in the religious and right-wing parties if he is seen by them as betraying the cause. This would be tantamount to handing Barak the premiership next time around, those close to Netanyahu say.

The Idea of each large party coming away with six portfolios and six being left in the hands of present coalition partners is sure to result in an unwieldy and unstable government. The small parties would be even more powerful than now, because they would become the pivotal balance in any cabinet vote. The prime minister would be left in an untenable situation in which he could not count on a cabinet majority for any move and Peres would be accused of moving into a gov-



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ficult than in any national unity precedent.

With one exception, all the rest were formed at the beginning of the government's' term of office, soon after elections and not after the portfolios had already been allocatcd. To do so in mid-term would make it necessary for Netanyahu to sack some of his ministers. He may thus get rid of foes and competitors like Finance Minister Dan Meridor and Defense Minister Yitzhak

Kahalani:

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Most courteous MK

problems and find the common

Speaking at a police award cere-

mony, he noted that "the time and

effort we expend on the details of

the interim agreement seem

increasingly redundant, compared

to the time and effort we could

invest in the permanent settlement, and they're not building mutual

He added: "There is only onc way to get out of the present crisis.

The Palestinian Authority must

understand that first it must do

what it has undertaken to do in the

agreement, and do what any

authority and government which respects itself does - fight terror-

He said the PA did fight terror-

ism to a considerable extent during

the past year, and it can do so now.

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ism to the end."

MK Ori Orr (Labor) is presented the Jerusalem Journalists Association's Itamar Ben-Avi Award by Ben-Avi's daughter. Rina Raz, in a ceremony at the Knesset yesterday. Orr was voted by parliamentary reporters 'the most courteous MK.' He said he hopes to persuade others both in and outside the House to follow his example and act with patience and tolerance.

(Text: List Collins: Photo: Isaac Harari)

PM willing to meet Arafat

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu will not object to a meeting with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, if he asks for one, but will insist the meeting focus on his obligation to fight against terrorism, sources said yesterday.

However, the sources said, no such meeting has been scheduled and no contacts to schedule one have been made by the Palestinians, despite Arafat's statement that he is ready for a meeting. "We never objected to having

the meeting, it was Arafat who evaded it," one source said. Netanyahu yesterday reiterated his proposal to move directly to final status talks, "which is the best way to deal with the really tough

Police crack down on car theft

ject to catch car thieves and retrieve stolen car parts on Monday, Judea and Samaria Police District spokesman Opher Sivan yesterday.

During Operation On Wheels, which lasted for a week, Sivan said police checked over 3,400 passengers and 2,200 vehicles. Six stolen cars were discovered, four in Judea and Samaria

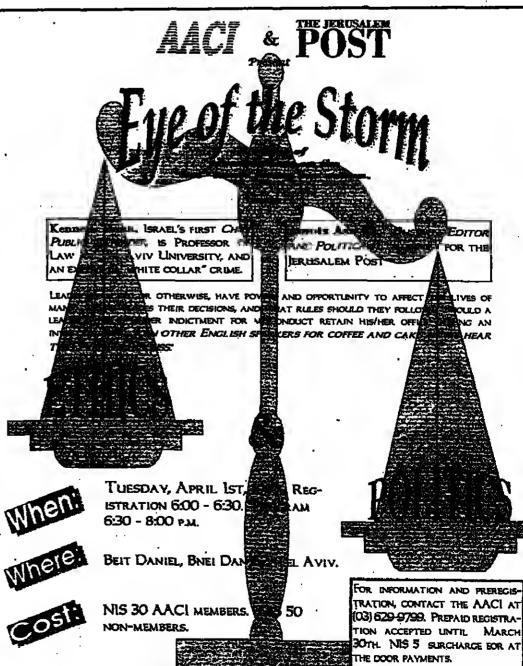
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Police completed a special pro- and two in the Jordan Valley, he said. In addition police made 12 arrests, and four people were held for investigation.

Among those arrested, said Sivan, were a truck driver found he said.



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BY BATSHEVA TSUR

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said yesterday Atorney-General Elyakim Auomey-General Rubinstein had determined that an unspecified number of Palestinian institutions operating in Jerusalem could be closed because political activities on behalf of the Palestinian Authority were being conducted at them. But, Kahalani added, the attor-

Committee yesterday.

Kahalani said.

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ney-general had given a legal opinion and it was up to him, as Surger State minister, to make a political deciches for Seree and I sion on the issue. "I am still considering it," Kahalani told meminuary 1998 bers of the Knesset Law

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sion on 11 March to shat down four such institutions," said MK Moshe Shahal (Labor) wbo requested the meeting, but it appeared that "this is a government which declares one thing and does the opposite." He said that the previous government had decided not to take action against Palestinian institutions unless it was convinced that the action

"The government took a deci-

could stand up in court in the evcut of a petition to the High Court of Justice. Kahalani said that the Palestinians had now taken a decision to fight for Jerusalem as their capital. "We now have to fight an open war to keep Jerusalem as our

undivided capital," he said. "We have drawn up a long-term plan in which we will invest huge soms." He said that "the Har Homa issue is part of the overall unified Jerusalem plan."

from his coalition partners. Kahalani warned the PLO that "Nothing is worse than a double action would be taken against it message, said Rnby Rivlin (Likud). Ze'ev Begin (Likud) because of its part in the current unrest. "There are PLO institutions - added: "If you try to close four which we have not taken action institutions and then end up maybe against," Kahalani said. "Now the closing two, you are indicating to PLO is active in the disturbances the others that their activities are and we have to consider whether to close its institutions in Jerusalem." Asked whether the prime minis-Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert ter was party to the decision, said that there was anti-Israel polit-Kahalani replied. "It is up to the ical activity in other parts of eastminister in charge." As for the em Jerusalem too, noting the affidavits presented by the PA statatmosphere iu Arabic-language. ing there was no political activity schools in the capital and the constant ferment on the Temple Mount.

NEWS



in brief

Phosphoric acid leaks from Negev train wreck

A freight train detailed in the Negev yesterday and two of its tank cars overturned, leaking poisonous phosphoric acid. Furefighters and railroad maintenance workers handled the leak, which was not considered dangerous to the public, since the accident occurred shortly after the 25-car-long train left the Rolem plant in Mishor Rolem, an unpopulated area. A second engine was sent to bring the 21 cars that did not derail back to the plant, and a crane was summoned to get the remaining cars and engine back on the track after the phosphoric acid leak was plugged. ltim

Swiss Holocaust fund given another SFr 20m.

Swiss banks have pledged another SFr 20 million to the Holocaust humanitarian fund, bringing the fund to SFr 285m., the Swiss Bankers Association said yesterday. The humanitarian fund, which is 10 benefit needy Jewish and non-Jewish victims of the Holocaust, will be administered by a seven-member Jewish-Swiss executive, which will determine the criteria for need. It is understood that special consideration will be given to survivors in Eastern Europe who have not been eligible for the German reparations programs. Marilyn Henry

Israel Prize for Journalism announced

Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer yesterday announced that the Israel Prize for Journalism will be awarded this year to Shmuel Schnitzer (print), Haim Yavin (broadcasting) and David Rubinger (photography). Hammer informed all three by telephone. The awards committee noted that Schnitzer worked his way up from a beat reporter to the chief editor of Ma'ariv: Yavin's career has spanned nearly three decades at Israel Television, where he still serves as chief anchor of Channel 1's nightly news; and Rubinger has covered most of Israel's bistory as a press photographer since 1947. The prizes will be awarded at the annual ceremony at the end of Independence Day in Jerusalem. ltim

Oppenheim painting discovered by accident

A painting by Moritz Oppenheim (1800-1882), the first important Jewish painter of the modern era, was recently discovered by accident in Tel Aviv. A woman discovered the small oil painting (20 cm. x 16.5 cm.) between the pages of a book belonging to her late busband, who had fled Berlin in 1939. She broughl it to Sotheby's for appraisal, thinking it might be worth several hundred dollars.

Sotheby expert David Breyer Weil said it reminded him of Oppenheim's work and, upon closer examination with a magnifying glass, discovered Oppenheim's initials on the painting. He valued it at \$40,000-\$60,000.

Channel 2 now on satellite

Those with satellite disbes can now get Channel 2 via the Intelsat and Amos satellites. Focus on 11598 Mh at azimuth 236.8 degrees, 34 degrees op. and 4 degrees west.(Amos) or 11017 Mh for Intelsat. The service started Monday and the Second Television & Radio Authority says that this is an interim solution until a contract is signed with one or the other of the Helen Kaye two satellites.

Israel Theater Prize finalists nominated

The Gesher Theater's production of Kfar leads the list of finalists for the second Israel Theater Prize with nominations in ten categories, including Best Play, Best Playwright (Yehoshua Sobol), Best Director (Yevgeny Arye) and Best Actor (Israel Demidov), followed by Har Lo Zaz (Unmoving Mountain) by Gilad Evron with seven, and Ana Galactia, by Howard Barker, Vayomer V ayelech, director Rina Yerishalmi's biblical epic, and Tikkun Hatzot (Midnight Prayer), by Rami Danon and Amnon Levi, with five nominations each, This year's ceremony will be at the Noga Theater in Jaffa on April 9 and will be broadcast live on Channel 1. Helen Kaye

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Reuma Weizman stops in to see six-month-old Shani Avrahami (being held by her father Mickey), who was wounded in last Friday's Tel Aviv bomhing, at Ichilov Hospital yesterday. The haby's mother, Dr. Michal Avrahami, was killed in the attack. (Dana Sternan/Israel Sun)

3 suspects released in TA bomb probe

By DAVID RUDGE and RAINE MARCUS

Three Israeli Arabs arrested on suspicion of having aided the Tel Aviv cafe suicide bomber were released yesterday after inquiries showed they were not involved. The three, all residents of Umm el-Fahm, were arrested on Saturday night after a note with their names on it was found on the

remains of the bomber. Marwah Mabajneh, 45. his son Sa'id. 20. who are in the poultry business, and Salim Jabarin, 21, a construction worker.

all said that they had business dealings with the brother of the bomber and also alibis. knew members of bis family, which was

The three were remanded for nine days on Sunday by Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court after police submitted a confidential report allegedly indicating their involvement with the bomber.

Mahajneh lold the court that he had been at bome and later travelled to Mosbav Beit Yehoshua, while his son had been delivering chickeos to Samaria at the time of the altack. Jabarin said he had been working at a construction site in Netanya. They were released after police checked their

Meanwhile, police are continuing to patrol

probably how he had the card with their names on it. areas in which Arabs illegally here from the lerritories are known to be living. Since last Friday's attack Tel Aviv police have continually conducted spot checks for those illegally working or staying here.

Over these past two days Rehovot police have arrested 11 Arabs illegally in the city. They were employed in markets and at building sites. Three employers in Yavne and Rehovot were arrested on suspicion of illegally biring workers.

Meanwhile, the police special operations division is preparing new plans to crack down on illegal workers and those employing them, In 1996, 1,800 criminal files were opened against such employers.

Parents group official: Guides call shots on school trips

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

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Guides in charge of school trips who make last-minute changes in approved routes are rarely quesioned about such changes, an Israel Parents Association official yesterday told the Pressler Commission, which is investigating the attack by a Jordanian soldier at Naharayim which claimed the lives of seven eighth-grade girls on March 13.

Moshe Sheinfeld, who heads the trips committee for the association, said after testifying before the commission that the guide on such trips is "the ultimate authority," and if he decides to take the pupils to a different site than that for which there is a permit, "no one will argue with him." Teachers and parents, he said, are busy dealing with the children, and rarely question such decisions.

Sheinfeld said that this was the flaw in existing rules for such trips that would allow a tragedy like that which occurred at Naharayim to happen.

"If a guide says to the group: 'There's a beautiful waterfall over there,' and wants to go to it, even though it's not on the original permit, no one will say anything. In 99.9 percent of the cases, the class will go, enjoy it, and that's the end of it. No one will check if it's allowed or not," he said. Changes in the weather might also lead to guides changing trip routes, he said.

In the case of Naharayim, Sbeinfeld told the commission, police there were also not informed that the Jordanian site was off-limits, which is why no one stopped the AMIT Fuerst School group or dozens of others like it that visited there.

Sheinfeld said there is hardly any checking up of such trips, adding it was too bad that "only after something like this happens, does everyone wake up."

He added that he personally had never seen any Education Ministry documents barring trips to Naharayim, although he agreed that there may be confusion over which parts of the site were or were not off-limits to school trips.

Today, commission members are due to visit Beit Shemesh to cootinue the investigation.

Meanwhile, Maya Shmuel, the scboolgirl wbo was seriously wounded in the Naharayim attack, was released yesterday from Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Em Kerem, Hila Ivri. also wounded in the attack, remains in Hadassah after being transferred from Poria Hospital near Tiberias.

Israel protests Ashrawi speech in Geneva

By URIEL HEILMAN

Israel has slammed the UN Commission on

Human Rights for allowing Palestinian repre-

sentative Hanan Ashrawi 10 address the group

Citing Friday's breach in protocol that

in Geoeva last week.

Israel by Palestinian representative Nabil Ramlawi. Palestinian children with the HIV virus during

conviction that such racist and discriminatory In the speech she made just hours after the terrorist attack in Tel Aviv's Apropo cafe, Ashrawi declared that Israeli bulldozers were burying the peace process. Protesting the decision that allowed Ashrawi to speak, Landan requested that the com-

Lamdan's letter and his own response as official documents of the commission. Christian Solidarity representative Littman urged Somol to follow up on his promise to act against the "mendacious and racist allegations" of the Palestinian representative. Tensions between Israelis and Palestinians at the commission in Geneva have been high since the beginning of construction at the Har Homa site in Jerusalem.

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observer delegation, to speak from the podium. a practice reserved only for officials of "existing states," Israeli representative Yosef Lamdan said that the commission's decision to set such a precedent was regrettable in light of Friday's terrorist attack in Tel Aviv and the recent blood-libel accusation levelled against

participation in the proceedings in a letter to Miroslav Somol of the Czech Republic, chairman of the 53rd session of the UN Commission on Human Rights.

Somol, in a letter of response to Lamdan, condemned Ramlawi's recent accusation that Israeli authorities "infected by injection 300

Na'amat: State should help pay for child-care Kostner spared death penalty

Palestinian

By ESTHER HECHT

Unlike working mothers in the US, women here have never been able to deduct child-care expenses from their taxable income. On the contrary, recent legislation here increased work-

ing women's taxes. To rectify the situation. Na'amat, the working women's organization, launched a campaign yesterday to get the state to carry part of working parents

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child-care costs. In the first stage, Na'amat is proposing a change in the National Insurance Institute Law that would give parents who work outside their homes a monthly stipend for care of children up to six years of age. The stipend would be NIS 282 for the first child and NIS 141 for each additional child, in addi-

According to a study prepared for Na'amai, this compensation would enable as many as 75,000 women to enter the work force.

adding as much as NIS 11.3 billion to the GNP and NIS 1.1 billion to tax revenues. A public opinion survey commissioned by Na'amai showed that 84 percent of women with children under four years of age tion to any other benefits to believe the proposal would which working parents are entiencourage more women to go out to work.

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - A New Jersey jury has spared the life of Avi Kostner, who pleaded guilty to murdering his two children, because, he said, he could not bear his former wife's not raising them as Jews. The jury, after 11 hours of deliberations over three days, on Monday night said it was dead-locked over whether to impose the death penalty.

Kostner, who faced death by lethal injection, is expected to be sentenced to life in prison on May 16.

In a dramatic courtroom appearance two weeks ago, Kostner angrily asked for the death penalty.

Kosiner pleaded guilty to drugging and suffocating Geri Beth, 12, and Ryan, 10, on June history of mental illness, according to yesterday's edi-26. 1994, days before they were to move to Florida from Teaneck, New Jersey, The jury was split between

The Bergen Record. Bolh Kosiner and his ex-wife, those who viewed Kostner, 52, as a vengeful man who wanted Family Court, where the couple converted."

waged a 7-year custody battle. The divorce decree called for the children to worship with both parents and to make their own decision about religion when they turned 16. Mison had converted to Judaism after ber marriage to Kostner in 1979, but reverted to Christianity after the couple separated in 1986.

Chronically unemployed and once referred to as a "shtetl schnorrer," Kostner suffered from decades of mental illness. Nonetheless; he was active in the local Orthodox community.

Kostner also was well-versed in Jewish tradition and history, which he invoked in an agitated statement to the court dariog the

penalty phase of his trial. "I am not the first father in histhought his actions resulted tory to kill his children to prevent conversion," he said. "I could not allow their Jewish from an ahusive childhood and a souls to be cut off from Judaism. It is within Jewish history, during the Crusades, the Inquisition - fathers killed their own chil-Lynn Mison, have assailed the dreo to prevent them from being

C'ttee presses for reparations for Bulgarian Jewish survivors

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee chairwoman Naomi Blumenthal vesterday called on the German government to amend the criteria for awarding reparations to Holocaust survivors to include those who lived in Nazi-created ghettos that were not walled in.

Blumenthal made the demand to amend the "absurd" simation after hearing from survivors from Bulgaria who said they had been denied reparations because their ghettos were not enclosed by walls

Blumenthal said she would appeal to Prime Minister inyamin Netanyahu and Foreign Minister David Levy to pressure the German government in this regard, and would also appeal directly to German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

Germany's ambassador to Israel told the committee that his gov-ernment is aware of the problems within the reparation system, and said a new DM 80 million fund _ had been established to provide reparations to survivors from Eastern Europe, which may be able to pay survivors from Balgaria.

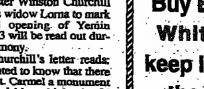
Suzana Konorti, a survivor from Bulgaria, said that it is imperative that something be done on their behalf, as "we have suffered enough, and we must not be seen.

the prime minister's "Defender of the Child" award, is dedicated to

Veterans of the US, British and Commonwealth war veterans, IDF part in the memorial.

"I am delighted to know that there stands on Mt. Carmel a monument to the friendsbip which should always unite Great Britain and Israel

officers and soldiers, the military attaches of several countries, gov-ernment officials, and children from the youth village, are to take A letter sent by late British prime minister Winston Churchill to Wingate's widow Lorna to mark the official opening of Yemin Orde in 1953 will be read out during the ceremony. Part of Churchill's letter reads:





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Orde Wingate

Avi Kostner

director of Yemin Orde. He noted that part of the educational curriculum at the village, which was last year presented with



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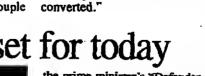
By DAVID RUDGE The annual memorial service to mark the anniversary of the death of Orde Wingate, the British officer who helped lay the foundations for the formation of the IDF, is to be held today, for the first time, at Yemin Orde, the youth village on Mt. Carmel which is

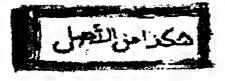
named after him. Wingale, a devoui Christian, was a fearless fighter and renowned military tactician, who fervently believed in the return of Jews to their historic homeland and the rebirth of the State of Israel.

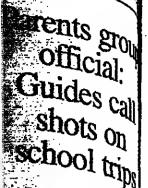
"Maj.-Gen. Orde Wingate, who died in a plane crash in Burma in 1944, was known as 'The Friend' of Israel and was in fact one of the founding fathers of what today is the IDF," said Dr. Chaim Peri,

(AP)

Wingate memorial set for today







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BY ARYEN DEAN CONE

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WORLD NEWS

Independent films win Oscar glory

By LYNH ELBER

focus on a different numbers game

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by the wartime drama of love and

When studios make only blockbusters like Independence Day, they cam a box-office windfall but

lose when it comes to Academy

Awards prestige. Could the out-come of the 69th Academy Awards

change their outlook? Even emcee

Billy Crystal tweaked the industry.

He reminisced about the last time

he hosted the ceremony, three years ago: "Back then, the major

studios were nominated for

Independent films dominated the

awards ceremony, with a single

major honor going to a big studio production: Cuba Gooding Jr.'s

best supporting actor trophy for

Jerry Maguire. Independence

Day, last year's top-grossing film

Oscars," he said,

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best actress for her role as a home-LOS ANGELES (AP) - When spun Midwestern police chief in The English Panient, bearing a seri-Farge, had watched husband Joel ous literary pedigree and lacking Coen and brother-in-lnw Ethan stars, came knocking on Coen accept the Oscar for best Hollywood's door, the studios original screenplay. smelled palury grosses and turned In her speech, McDormand

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MAKEUP: The Nutry Professor.

VISUAL EFFECTS: Independence Day.

And the winner is...

SUPPORTING ACTOR: Cuba Gooding Jr., Jerry Maguire.

SUPPORTING ACTRESS: Juliette Binoche, The English

DIRECTOR: Anthony Minghella, The English Patient. FOREIGN FILM: Kolya, Czech Republic. ADAPTED SCREENPLAY: Billy Bob Thomton, Sling Blade.

ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY: Ethan Coen and Joel Coen,

ART DIRECTION, CINEMATOGRAPHY, SOUND, ORIGI-NAL DRAMATIC SCORE, COSTUME, FILM EDITING: The

SOUND EFFECTS EDITING: The Ghost and the Darkness.

ORIGINAL MUSICAL OR COMEDY SCORE: Rachel

ORIGINAL SONG: You Must Love Me from Evita, Andrew

names such as Demi Moore.

costume and art direction. The all-

time winner was Ben Hur with 11

DOCUMENTARY FEATURE: When We Were Kings.

DOCUMENTARY SHORT: Breathing Lessans.

This year's Academy Award winners were: BEST PICTURE: The English Patient.

ACTRESS: Frances McDormand, Fargo.

ACTOR: Geoffrey Rush, Shine.

Frances McDormand, named moviemaker's life," said the film's Oscars in 1959 producer, Saul Zacntz, "This happens when you see and hear people all over the world share their laughter, their crying and their sudden at identical screen gasps moments." Zaentz's film was rescued by Miramax after 20th Century Fox, an earlier supporter. reportedly wanted to replace the film's lead actors with box-office

The film's director, Anthony Minghella, was honored, as was co-star Juliette Binoche, who portraved a compassionate Canadian nurse. Her best supporting actress victory upset predictions that vereran Lauren Bacall would claim her first Oscar for The Mirror Has Two Faces. "I'm so surprised." said Paris-born Binoche, who, like many, thought the statuette would go to Bacall. "I didn't. prepare anything. I thought Lauren was

questions about Bacall's loss.

win with Tim Rice for You Must Love Me sung by Madonna from Evita, acknowledged the dominance of The English Patient. "Thank heavens there wasn't a song in The English Patient is all 1 can say," Webber joked.

winner with a distincely downhome Southern name: Billy Bob Thornton, the director-star of Sling Blade, who captured the Oscar for

trademark baseball cap after leaving the stage, was asked if he planned to call a fellow Arkansas native, President Clinton. "I think he's going to get in contact with me. I don't have the phone number," Thornton joked.

The evening's most touching The last film to win as many moment came when Muhammad Oscars was The Last Emperor in Ali and George Foreman, subjects 1988. The English Patient, which the honored documentary of had the most nonunations with 12, When We Were Kings, drew a standing ovation. also won for cinematography, dramatic score, film editing, sound,

about a middle-aged black man. That's one bell of a middle-aged black man," producer David Sonnenberg said backstage.

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going to get it. And 1 think she deserves it." "It's not my fault!"the actress exclaimed backstage after repeated Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber, celebrating his best song

The ceremony boasted a rare

best adapted screenplay. Thornton, quickly donning his

After all, it's a history piece

Winning the Oscar for best foreign language film was Kolya, from the Czech Republic. Kalya, set just before the fall of the Berlin Wall, is about an old man who marries a young Russian woman for convenience. She soon moves to West Germany, leaving her son in

Australian actor Geoffrey Rush clutches his Best Actor Oscar for 'Shine' Monday night. (Reuter)



By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES - The 69th annual Academy Awards are history, and the one remaining question facing ethnocentric readcrs is, Was It Good for the Jews? The answer is a firm yes and no. It was a grand evening for veteran filmmaker Saul Zaentz, who picked np an Oscar for producing best picture winner The English Patient, as well as the bonorary Irving Thalberg award for his lifetime contributions to the film industry.

Amadeus in 1984. JI wasn't quite as happy an occasion for Jewish allusions. He commented on the all-

secutive decades. He started with One Flew actor, got the best actor nod for his portrayal Over the Cuckoo's Nest in 1975 and of Helfgott in Shine. Host Billy Crystal spiced his routine with

about an alien invasion with \$300 million-plus, earned a single award, for visual effects. By comparison, The English Patient has earned \$62 million. Because smaller films tend to make stars, not hire them, the ceremony gave viewers an opportunity to discover new faces.

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stage actor who played emotionally disturbed planist David Helfgott in Shine, picked up the best-actor trophy.



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Lauren Bacall (right) greets Juliette Binoche at a post-Oscar party Monday night, after the French actress beat the veteran to the Best Supporting Actress award. (AP)

The New Jersey native, whose bome base is Berkeley, California, has now pulled off the rare feat of winning Oscars in three con-

Lauren Bacall, who was tipped as the favorite to gamer best supporting actress honors for ber star turn as Barbra Streisand's mother in The Mirror Has Two Faces. She lost to The English Patient's Juliette Binoche, who seemed as surprised as everyone else to have beaten out Bacall.

After days or rumors and denials, concert pianist David Helfgott, the real-life hero of Shine, showed up and performed to thunderous applause.

Geoffrey Rush, the non-Jewish Australian

Germany.

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black, semi-Hassidic outfit worn by presen ter Kevin Spacey, and referred to the First Wives Club trio of Goldie Hawn, Bette Midler and Diane Keaton as the "three yentas from Eastwick." The gags went over well with the Hollywood in-crowd, but must have puzzled some of the 1 billion television viewers in 100 countries.

In the less glamorous categories, the brothcrs Ethan and Joel Coen walked off with an Academy Award for their original screenplay for Farga.

Papua rebels surround parliament Bubis: No to German cut

PORT MORESBY (Reuter) - About 100 politicians were trapped inside Papua New Guinea's parliament yesterday evening by armed rebel soldiers and demonstrators protesting outside after Prime Minister Sir Julius Chan survived a motion to force his

"We don't want the politicians to leave," one of the 80 or more soldiers outside the parliament compound said.

The soldiers, armed with M-16s and pistols, were searching cars canying media and parlia-ment employees out of the building in a clear attempt at intimidation.

Hundreds of anti-government protesters were camped around the parliament in defiance of the curfew, blocking roads and demanding that Chan resign for hiring mercenaries to end the secessionist conflict on Bougainville island. Rebel commander Major Walter Enuma

arrived late in the night and ordered the soldiers to avoid confrontation.

"We respect the law of the land - the parliament has made its decision and the military will respect it," Enuma said. "There will be no confrontation. I will not

allow it," Enuma said. He then entered parliament to assure the politicians inside of their safety.

Protesters stoned a handful of cars earlier in the day after hearing of the failure of the standdown motion, and many feared violence would return to the streets of Port Moresby, which was rocked by two days of looting last week.

on Monday for access to files

between former Argentinian

Evita, and leading officials of

Earlier this month, President

Carlos Menem offered Jewish

any gold plundered by the Nazis

The center has asked several

countries in Europe and South

America to search their bank

files for more than 300 names.

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landed in Argentina.

Parliament voted 58 to 39 against a motion that urged Chan and two close aides to step down while an inquiry was held into the mercenary contract. Chan himself took the floor only once in the

rowdy five-hour debate, saying he had hired the mercenaries to prevent more Papua New Guinea soldiers dying on Bougainville.

"Sometimes you have to make decisions in the best interests of the security of the nation and we made this decision and will not compromise that decision," Chan said. "I had to put the lives of our soldiers on Bougainville fust." Chan's whereabouts were nnknown last night. There were reports that he had left par-

liament shortly after the vote. The crisis began last week when army chief Jerry Singirok demanded the mercenary contract be terminated and that Chan, Deputy Prime Minister Chris Haiveta and Defence Minister Mathias Ijape resign.

Singirok was promptly sacked but remains in control of the army. His dismissal led to violent street protests that saw former colonial power Australia put troops on standby to evacuate around 10,000 Australian nationals.

Singirok Friday repeated a demand that Chan quit and set a deadline of yesterday, but the army remains in its barracks.

About five minutes after yesterday's vote, ministers were warned to stay inside the building for security reasons as protesters stoned cars leaving parliament. Media cars were also periodically stoned during the evening.

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On the other side of the building, around 1,000 noisy protesters were joined by a small group of armed soldiers who sat peacefully on the ground.

Armed soldiers had filtered down to the parliament building through the night, but protest numbers had dwindled.

The motion against Chan was introduced in parliament by opposition leader Bill Skate, governor of the capital, Port Moresby.

Skate told parliament that the South Pacific nation was divided and its international credibility was in tatters because Chan agreed to the \$36 million contract with British-based mercenary firm Sandline without consulting the cabinet.

"Our nation has been torn apart with division and more and more questions about corruption in bigh office." Skate told parliament as ministers from both sides shouted each other down. Defense Minister Ijape said the Sandline contract made financial and military sense. ljape blamed Australia and New Zealand for refusing to supply Papua New Guinea's defense force with helicopter gunships and other military hardware to fight Bougainville

rebels. He said both the Papua New Guinea defense force and the rebels had the same low-level weaponry, making the war unwinnable.

"We were not in a position of strength. They know our weaknesses and every time we call for these peace meetings they take it as a joke," liane said.

Germany's Jewish community yesterday rejected a politician's suggestion that he help negotiate a limit on Jewish immigration from the former Soviet Union.

"I will not talk with the federal government abont what number of Jews living in Germany is appropriate," said Ignatz Bubis, head of the Central Council of Jews in Germany.

The idea, suggested by a law-maker in Chancellor Helmut Kohl's ruling coalition, is reminiscent of Polish Jews bargaining about their fate with Nazi occupiers during World War II. Bubis said.

"I definitely will not bold such quota for Jewisb immigrants talks," Bubis said. "This is a with the government.

in Jewish immigration BONN (AP) - The leader of matter for the government." Kohl's party reportedly is planning to curb working opportuni-

include immigration quotas for

Germans from the former Soviet

Union, according to Der Spiegel

Bavarian ally, the arcb-conserva-

tive Christian Social Union, sug-

gested in a newspaper interview

yesterday that Bubis negotiate a

The humanitarian contingent for Jews cannot go on forever," Wolfgang Zeitlmann, the CSU ties for foreigners from outside domestic affairs spokesman, western Europe because of told the Cologne tabloid record postwar unemployment in Express.

Bubis denounced the idea as a Measures being drafted by the Christian Democratic Union populist appeal to anti-immigrant voters

Some 65,000 former Soviet Jewisb immigrants and ethnic Jews and their family members have moved to Germany since 1991 under rules that allow state governments to screen would-be A lawmaker from Kobl's migrants in this category but do not set a limit.

> Kohl's government agreed to the arrangement at the bebest of German Jewish leaders, wbo wanted lo attract new members to the community.

Swedish minister gets neo-Nazi letter bomb

STOCKHOLM (AP) - The neo-Nazi group Combat 18 tried to send an inoperative letter bomb to Swedish Justice Minister Laila Freivalds, reports said yesterday. A padded envelope containing two sticks of dynamite and a detonator, with Combat 18 listed as the sender, was sent last week.

Anders Eriksson, chief of Sweden's security police, confirmed a letter-bomb was addressed to Freivalds.

The newspaper Aftonbladet said the envelope was addressed to Freivalds' former residence and that post office employees became suspicious when re-addressing it. The explosives and the detonator were not connected.

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BUENOS AIRES (AP) - The including Adolf Hitler and his military expertise. mistress, Eva Braun. Simon Wiesenthal Center asked

Wiesenthal wants Peron Nazi letters

Menem has indicated that our -known. said to document contact list is currently being investigat- -President Juan Peron, his wife, ed," said the dean of the Los Angeles-based center, Rabbi Marvin Hier. "But we think there needs to be an even more complete disclosure on the congroups access to Central Bank nection between the Peron archives to determine whether regime and the Nazis."

It has been widely debated whether Peron's 1946-55 government was ideologically aligned with Hitler and allowed Nazis into the country because of their scientific and Argentina after World War II.

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Just bow many Nazis entered "We're pleased that President Argenlina is not publicly

> Among those who came was Adolf Eichmann, who oversaw the deportation of millions of Jews, and former SS Capt. Ericb Priebke, who participated in a 1944 massacre of 335 civilians outside Rome.

A Jewish historian who has spent four years sifting through some 22,000 documents from the national arcbive says Peron set up a team to find key Nazis and offer them safe passage to

Plane hits car at La Guardia

NEW YORK (AP) - A private plane landing at La Guardia Airport hit a car on the runway, halting takeoffs and landings for about 90 minutes early yesterday. No injuries were reported in the collision between a Gulf Stream II aircraft with four people on board and an airport maintenance vehicle carrying two people, said Officer Michael Dalton, a Port

Dalton said he did not know why the vehicle was on the runway as the plane came in to land.

DURBAN, South Africa (AP) -Thirteen supporters of the Zulu nationalist Inkatha Freedom Party were convicted of murder yesterday in the Christmas Day massacre of 18 political rivals in 1995. Judge Hilary Squires ruled the attack on a rural village about 130 kilometers south of Durban was a political assault by Inkatha to rid the area of supporters of the rival African National Congress.

in the area. During the trial, sur-Ngcobo as one of the leaders of the mob of 2,000 people armed with guns, spears and clubs that descended on Shobashobane.

Five other defendants were acquitted in the case. All the convicted could receive life

prison sentences.

One of the men convicted was Sipho Ngcobo, the Inkatha leader vivors of the attack identified armed men and women was "car-

Inkatha and the ANC fought years of low-level civil war in the traditional Zulu homeland that killed more than 15,000 people. The Christmas massacre in

Shobashobane shocked the country more than a year after the nation's first all-race election in 1994 that ended apartheid. Il caused President Nelson

13 Zulus convicted

in ANC massacre

Mandela's ANC-led government to bolster a special police unit in KwaZulu-Natal province. In his ruling, Squires said the attack in which 18 ANC supporters were shot, hacked and stabbed to death by a mob of beavily-

> ried out by supporters of Inkatha who were manifestly hostile to the inhabitants . ANC Shobashobane."

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The Lubotsky compromise

The maio subject of the last cabinet meeting was oot the deadlock with the Palestioians or the threat of terrorism. When the bomh went off in a Tel Aviv cafe on Friday, the cahinet was not addressing threats to Israel, hut to the governing coalition of Binyamin Netanyahu. The topic was the Conversion Law that is being put forward by the religious parties.

For a long time now, the status quo on conversions has been a delicate and quirky compromise: Non-Orthodox conversions performed abroad are recognized for legal purposes here, while the same conversions performed in Israel are not. Neither side has been bappy with this situation, but an uneasy peace has persisted.

This peace was destahilized wheo the Supreme Court ruled that the Interior Ministry did not have any legal basis for its practice of not recognizing, for legal purposes, Reform and Conservative conversions performed in Israel. The practice was not struck down by the court, but the court decision left the curreot practice vulnerable to legal challenge from the Reform and Conservative movements. The religious parties bave since beeo trying to pass a law that would protect the status quo from pending legal challeoges, and perhaps even push the status quo in the other direction by making it more difficult for Diaspora conversions to be recognized.

Though the cabinet approved a version of the Conversion Law at its meeting, the law should not be brought to the Knesset floor before Third Way MK Alex Lubotsky bas a chance to persuade both sides to accept bis compromise proposal instead.

Lubotsky's compromise is so straightforward and sensible that it renews one's faith in the ability of the political process actually to come up with solutions to problems, rather than making them worse. His proposal is for the Reform and Conservative movements to drop their court cases and for the Orthodox parties to drop their proposed legislation. That way, the status quo would be maintained exactly while a more permanent solution could be worked out.

The strange thing about this fight is that it is not so much between two political forces within Israel as between the Israeli religious parties and the leadership of Reform and Conservative Jewry in America. The pawns in this transatlantic battle of the titans are the tens of thousands of non-Jewish immigrants to Israel wbo would like to coovert, but who are not willing or able to meet current Orthodox cooversion requirements,

sions is threatening to split the Jewish people. The Orthodox nightmare scenario is a situation in which a major portion of Diaspora Jewry is not recognized by them as Jews because they were oot halachically converted, or are descendants of "non-Jews." There is certainly room for concern on this score, hut the solution is not for Israeli Orthodoxy to wage a fruitless hattle to delegitimize oon-Orthodox Judaism in America. Eveo if the religious parties were to tear up the status quo and eliminate the recognition of foreign non-Orthodox conversions - an option that fortuoately is not in the cards - they would not make a serious dent io what they claim to be an existential crisis for the Jewish

people. The numbers of non-Orthodox conversions would continue to grow, and the split that the Orthodox fear would worseo.

The pursuit of the Conversion Law may be good politics for the religious parties, but it can only distract from, and perhaps even threaten, the pursuit of real solutions to the problem. At the end of the day, the only solution is for the major strands of Judaism to agree on a conversion process that they all can live with. This is not as impossible as it may seem from the perspective of either end of the religious spectrum. It will, however, entail compromise by both sides.

The oon-Orthodox movements may have to tolerate a solution that, on the issue of conversion, does not treat their rabbis with complete equality and symmetry in comparison with their Orthodox colleagues. The Orthodox, in turn, will have to modify their current interpretation of the balachic requirements for conversion, in favor of more lenient - but equally valid - interpretations that were followed at other points in Jewish history.

The Lubotsky proposal is a reasonable one, as is a related proposal by Meretz MK Dedi Zucker to remove the nationality designation from the identity cards carried by all Israeli citizens. When asked in the Knesset about the Zucker proposal, Interior Minister Eli Suissa pledged to consider it seriously.

It makes sense to eliminate the designation from the document which is offensive to those who are against discrimination between Jews and non-Jews, and to those who believe the state has no say in determining who is a Jew.

For any of these proposals to go anywhere, however, there has to be a modicum of good



Coalition of the sane

Triday's killing in Tel Aviv hrought the political process m the region to a new low.

We look around us - at the massacre at Naharayim, at the Egyptian media - and ask ourselves: Must we go on? Can we go on?

At difficult moments like these, there are always those who condemn us for our naivete.

"We told you that there's oo one to talk to," they say, "that peace here is an impossibility, in this generation, at any rate - maybe forever."

Always, at moments like these, there are those who call for stopping the talks, as if there was no greater way than this to punish the other side.

At moments like these, confronted by senseless killing, hy bleeding babies, it's hard to talk logically, or say anything constructive.

All you really want to do is cry out and punch someone, and ask: What kind of "Allahu akbar" wants to see a young man sent out to commit suicide in order to kill young women and maim habies? We can cry, and we have to be angry; but these are reactions, not

answers. The answers don't lie in halting the process, because that would only signify the cessation of hope, puoish ourselves. And it and wouldn't stop terrorism, which, after all, didn't begin with the peace process.

The answer is quite the opposite. It is precisely completion of hearts. And the beginning the process that will deal the hard-cult. It's crucial, fateful.



est hlow to terror, perhaps the deathhlow."

We have come a long way since 1978, when it all began at Camp David. For my generation, who saw Gamal Abdel Nasser, the Jordanian army, and Ahmed Shukeiry as villains, the Israeli flag in embassies in Cairo and

Instead of slowing down the pace of negotiations, we

both sides are willing to arrive at the PLO are realities that can it. And both know the format. scarcely be believed. mining the border between us and

WE have come a long way from being internationally isolated, from being hated, from relying solely on American charity. Today we have ties with most countries in the world, and with organizations in the region. The economic boycott has largely been lifted. But we are in mid-process, and

things are very fragile. And even once we have a comprehensive peace with all the Arab states, things will remain fragile.

Long-standing hostility doesn't disappear with the signing of a document. It could take decades for peace to penetrate people's hearts. And the beginning is diffi-

A. DAVID MARKS in the latest development in the controversy over whether

senior civil servants should submit to lie-detector tests, the High Court bas given new Elyakim Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein 10 days to declare either that he is ready to take the lie-detector test, or, if he isn't, to suspend its use altogether in the civil service.

Fit for

the job

The state comptroller recently came out in favor of the polygraph test, applied together with other measures, for officials exposed to classified material. To my mind, this was misguided.

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The absurd fact in this case is that polygraph results have been shown to be truest when those being tested are unsophisticated individuals who don't know how the test works, and cannot "fool" it. Clearly we are not talking about such people here.

The polygraph test itself is a relatively crude tool, undermining the candidate's established competence, his earned reputation for high integrity, and the prestige already conferred on him, making all of these subservieot to the test's results.

The perceived need to submit senior appointees to such testing seems to be saying, chillingly, that our society lacks faith in other time-honored and more reliable methods of determining a candidate's suitability for a given position - such as, for example. having him appear before one or more truly distinguished commit-

If, after all, we cannot manage to trust a person who is a valued "known quantity," what does this say about our wider society? Have mistrust and dishonesty become the norm? And if they

The truth about ile-detectors

have, can such a flawed society be expected to produce persons of high iotegrity in the first place?

Applying the lie detector test to public servants prior to their assumption of office is tantamount to suspecting them wrongdoing. In other words, a successful test result will "clear", their good name, ridiculous as it sounds.

Reputed to be "very accurate," the lie-detector is not infallible. Indeed, results depend very largely on the skill of the person wbo interprets them. This means that, whatever other accompatrying examinations there may be, a candidate could emerge with an undeserved stain on his character. Whatever bappened to the ootion that a person is presumed innocent ootil proven guilty? There are other potential problems with administering licdetector tests to individuals who don't fit the norm - which may include those of outstandiog ahility, who, hy definition, are "different." In the most positive scose, such persoos are in some ways "aboormal." Their level of intellectual honesty will probably be considerably higher than others'; certainly it will be more complex. This could cause test responses to be different than anticipated. And, as noted, where liedetector results are concerned, interpretation is all, or nearly all. Suppose the (often anonymous) tester lacks the skill to interpret correctly what he sees? What cbannels of appeal are there afterwards?

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sacrificing the best of our young. This we must not do. So we will grit our teeth, hury our dead, heal our wounded, and demand that the Palestinian Amman and an agreement with Authority put up a determined struggle against the terrorists of Hamas and the Islamic Jihad.

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will, mutual respect, and recognition that all the parties share a sincere desire for what is best for the Jewish people as a whole. The place to resolve family feuds is oot in the courtroom or in the legislature, but in direct discussion with open cars and the sbared goal of the unity of the Jewish people in mind.

The battle cry of the Orthodox establishment is that an "epidemic" of non-Orthodox conver-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FLAWED RECOMMENDATIONS

Sir - While Michael Oren's suggestion that the peace process be frozen ("Freeze the process for now," March 23) is welcomed, his subsequent recommendations are fundamentally flawed.

Mr. Oren advocates keeping the peace talks frozen until the Palestinians eschew in writing all use of violence, or threat of violence, in negotiations," and until there is a "demonstrable crackdown on Hamas." Unfortunately, we have been there and done that. Arafat, from the September 1993 signing of the Declaration of Principles to the recent Hebron agreement, has reiterated bis pledge to eschew violence. Moreover, there have been a myriad of demonstrable crackdowns on Hamas by the PA. However, neither Arafat's promises oor his demonstrations of controlling Hamas have proven effective.

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long-term strategy of holding Camp David-style negotiations with the participation of King Hussein, President Mubarak, and Shimon Peres. I shudder to think what the outcome of such a summit would be as the politically pliable Netanyahu faces the comhined pressures from all these men to make far-reaching concessions. Mr. Oren is wrong to think that the presence of Peres in the govemment would "greatly contribute to Israel's ability to withstand international pressure." It is much

more likely that Peres would be the source of these pressures. Though well-intentiooed, none of Mr. Oren's suggesoons will improve the current, or long-term, security problems of Israel. The reason is that the Palestinians, as a society, bave not given up their desire to regain all of historic

Equally flawed is Mr. Oren's Palestine. Over 40 percent of Palestinians favor terrorism against Israel and almost 60 percent have not given up their demand for a "right of return." That is hardly a prescription for peaceful resolution.

Finally, in an era in which the peoples of Eastern Europe are overthrowing tyrants, the Palestinians embrace Arafat. It is instructive to note that Arafat's opposition comes from those elements who do not consider him radical enough. Unul the Palestinians inculcate the notion of a peaceful settlement and select a leader who pursues such a policy, a peaceful resolution of the conflict is impossible. Clearly, the present time is not propitious for such a resolution.

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Beit Yitzhak.

IMMIGRANT DENTISTS

Sir, - There seems to be disthe thousands of desperate exam crimination against immigrant

taken.

The dental licensing exam preparatory course is arduous and lengthy, and the first-time passrate is an absurd 5 percent. Many Russian immigrants have retaken it innumerable times without success. Dentists from the US, UK, France and South Africa fare no better. The moneys raised for the licensing exam, but not denuists, examining administration from

Sir. - The late Yitzhak Rabin, looking forward to an era of peace with the Palesunian Authority, used to say that Israel would be safer in such a time than it ever had been. That, of course, was a classic sample of the wishful thinking that underlay the Osio process in general, but it convinced many people, and the PA did nothing to discourage that. Now, Hanan Ashrawi has to make good-faith efforts to prenow, right the vent terrorist attacks on women,

and the second second

retakes are not insubstantial.

claque of dental examiners, whose Whilst aware that there is a glut of dentists in Israel, I feel it main interest is their position, irreis still inhumanly unfair and spective of the hardship and lack against natural justice to deny of livelihood they cause, is merely even highly qualified dentists reflection of some modern а with many years of experience the right to practice. Why is it Israeli attitudes to professionals among immigrants and minorioes. that immigrant medical physicians with 14 years of experience are exempted from their

Safed.

HANAN ASHRAWI

Purim outrage, that "the Israelis children, and other coffee-shop are mistaken in thinking that patrons, may release murderers Palestinians are their policemen"; to renew their mayhem and may put off renouncing their hate of Rabin, among others, was mis-Israel "unoi Israel has a constitu-But she is wrong, of course. Nations at peace are indeed obligated to protect their neighbors. If the PA, of which Ms.

tion," it may be in for a jaming surprise. It may yet have cause 10 look back longingly on a day when a Jewish housing project seemed a big problem. Ashrawi is an official, really STAN GOODMAN believes that it has no obligation

Kiryat Tivon.

Yes, aren't dreams lovely?

fied, but admirable.

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But we live In a

harsh and hostile

region, and we'd be

better off facing it

Where's peace?

A Jordanian soldier mows down seven Israeli children oo a school outing. True, every society, including Israel, has its lone madmen. But there seem to be a lot of "lone madmen" over there in Iordan.

A squadron of police has to shield the house of the killer's relatives from throngs of exhilarated admirers. The entire parliamentary opposition expresses warm support for the deed of mass child murder.

A suicide bomber blows up a cafe in Tel Aviv, killing and injur-ing civilians. News of the event is received with wild enthusiasm by thousands in rallies at Khan Yunis and Nahlus. Riots in Hehron intensify, amid chants of praise for the bomber's organization, Hamas

Against this background, do the Israeli supporters of "peace" conrooted in Jewish tradition and in Zion, and the most desirous of tinue pushing the same old line? aping American and European Remarkably, they do. way of life, has become dangerously disconnected from this real-

Yossi Beilin, architect of Oslo and a Labor contestant for prime minister, writes on this page that "it is precisely completion of the process that will deal the hardest hlow to terror, perhaps the death blow."

In other words: There haven't been enough concessions. Once we give the Palestinians enough land and power, the terror and military apparatus that they're building hy the day will turn into a softball club. whereas the Arabs were reason-

Zionism is a movement to reconstitute the Jewish people in Zion, the Land of Israel, not in Switzerland, Belgium, or Ohio. But this stretch of land that is the only true Jewish home happens also to be surrounded by backward, chauvinist dictatorships to whom a non-Moslem state in their midst is an existential affront.

For Zionism to work, we have to have our feet on the ground of Zion. and to be able to look clearly at the Middle Eastern reality around us. We need to see that the landscape is a harsh and stony

This is not a counsel of despair. Clear-sightedness includes discerning Arab moderation when it is shown hy leaders like Anwar Sadat and King Hussein, and dealing with it profitably, even if the moderation stems from expediency rather than a genuine desire for accommodation.

land. Living in Zion can never be casy, but we make it much harder P. DAVID HORNIK But it also means realizing that

world

by persuading ourselves that our neighbors can be hribed out of their animosity toward us. - unpalatable though it may be all possible evidence points to an The present government was

It would be so easy to slide

backwards, to revert to our former

state of isolation, of being

ing on the US, of sinking into self-

righteousness, of tearing op UN resolutions, and being forced to

fight a war every 10 years or so,

We must recognize that oo one

has a miracle care for blind terror,

and we must speed up the talks toward a final settlement between

That settlement is attainable if

Its big advantage will be deter-

the Palestinians; the finality of it

will do much to reduce the incen-

tive to violence of extremists on

Instead, therefore, of severing contact, we should intensify it.

Instead of slowing down the nego-

tiations, we should speed them up.

Terror, fanaticism and dulling of

the senses must not be allowed to

win out. This is the time for a

coalition of the sane to talk to each

other and come op with ways to

live a better life in this hate-filled

and blood-saturated part of the

The writer is a contender for the

Labor party leadership.

us and the Palestinians.

both sides.

removed from the world, of lean-

abiding hatred of Israel among elected because most Israelis perlarge parts of our neighbors' elite ceived it as more Zionist - both and populace, including the more rooted in Zion and more Palestinian Authority, and to their realistic - than the previous one. It belief that the worst barbaric acts has shown more realism, but not against Israelis are not only justimuch resolve in acting on it. Therefore, the government's

declaration that further dealing with the Palestinians will depend IN recent years, a part of the oo their really cracking down on terror must be regarded with skepticism, until proved.

It takes great resolve to cope with the problems we face. But if we want to live in Zion, it helps if we love it. If we merely regard the region as a war zone and try to turn it into a Western Europe, we Israeli population that is the least only make it more unstable and more violent.

If, however, we see Oslo for what it is - an inevitable collision course - we might be able to plan a forward strategy rooted in realism and good sense.

American and European values; The author is a Jerusalem quite another to believe one can writer and translator. remake the Middle East to suit

POSTSCRIPT

COURTNEY BESWICK couldn't see his assailant, but the blind man used his martial arts training to flip the attacker over his shoulder and place him in a wrestling bold. The would-be robber suffered a neck injury and died. Philadelphia police say charges

The Rabin-Peres government probably won't be filed because did not stop at projecting this sup-Beswick acted in self defense. posed Arah reasonableness onto Neighbors say the dead man had bullied Beswick, 28 and blind two of the worst Arab killers and torturers. Yasser Arafat and Hafez since birth.

"Courtney said he asked the guy with the Palestinians and the talks to leave him alone more than once," a neighbor said. "He told the guy that he wasn't giving him bis money, hut the man kept bothcring him."

The thief, Anthony Ervin, had been arrested eight times in the last nine years on assorted robbery, weapons and assault charges. Ervin kept fighting after Beswick threw him over his shoulder, so he put him in a wrestling

"Beswick's not a killer," the neighbor said. "He and his mother Anyone who still calls this a told me they even said a prayer for the guy."

IF polygraph testing is mandatory for senior civil service posts, why stop there? What about lie-detector tests for would-be MKs? Does anyone think their integrity is beyond doubt?

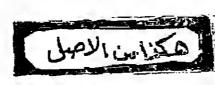
If all those wanting to run for the Knesset were compelled to take a lie-detector test to certify them as "kosher," the Israeli voter might be spared considerable anguish, since many candidates might decide to play safe and weed themselves out before they start. And the caliber of our political establishment might rise substantially. And while we're at it, what

about our Palestinian partners for peace? Could there be a better confidence-building measure, one more designed to promote mutual trust, than polygraphs all round? If the attorney-general uldmate-ly decides, or feels he has now been compelled, to submit himself to a lie-detector test to prove he is the man for the job, let's not restrict the test to high-ups in the civil service.

Let's institute polygraphs as a feature of every job where trust is a factor, with annual "checkups" to prevent backsliding.

The writer is a veteran management consultant.

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with the Syrians - seeking fervently to transfer land to their Today, rationally speaking, oot a single loophole or excuse is left

for those who claim that the PA is peace-oriented. The chief of staff and head of military intelligence have confirmed it Arafat has encouraged Hamas

terror, he has stopped doing anything to thwart it; and his own hold. security chief, Jibril Rajoub, organized the riots in Hebron.

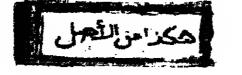
peace process is living in fairy-

them. The previous government was largely composed of, and supported by, Israelis with this mind-set, and it performed a curious psychological trick. It decided that the locus of irrationality and brutality was its Jewish opposition,

able people who just had a few

Assad - hence the Oslo agreement

It is one thing to want to live hy





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FEATURES

A. DAVID MARY

n the latest development controversy over senior civil servant monit to lie-detector to High Court has and Attorney-General and Attorney-General (Robinstein 10) days by Eather that he is ready by He derector test, or, if by Hispend its use altogether Civil service.

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Feminists advance by the Book



David Appel celebrates Purim - and his acquittal - with close friend Foreign Minister David Levy. (Sivan Farag)

Appel of his eye

military choice in the Book-of-the-

Month Club in the US and the

History Book Club in Britain. Yet

another laurel leaf is on the way.

Another Herzog book, The War of Atonement, which was a best-seller

when it was first published 23

years ago, will also be republished

ASHKENAZI CHIEF Rabbi

Yisrael Meir Lau - criticized by

Ha'aretz this week for accepting

money for officiating at weddings -

- hinted that some of these tokens

of appreciation find their way to

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they could have a wed-

ding reception and buy

the basics for their first

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charitable enterprises.

within the next few months.

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

GRAPEVINE

arim has always been a good reason for a party, but Likud activist, building contractor and businessman David Appel had an additional cause for celebration - his acquittal at the end of a sevenyear trial on charges of theft and fraud.

Among the thousand-plus merrymakers at Tcl Aviv's Gan Oranim on Saturday night was Shas MK Arych Deri, whose own drawn-out trial is still in progress, Foreign Minister David Levy, loterior Minister Eli Suissa, Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon, Likud MKs Shaul Amor, Ruby Rivlin and Silvan Shalom, former government ministers Sarah Doron and Yoram Aridor, numerous members of the legal fraternity, including Bar Association

chairman Dror Hoter-Yishai and Constitution advocate Uriel Reichman, and celebrimodel Sapir Kaufman with her husband Yoav Papushado. Also present was Ori Oren, Israel's former consul in Los Angeles, who was passing

South Africa where he Joan Collins will take up the post of (UPPA) ambassador.

ALTHOUGH HIS foudness for public transport has been well publicized. MK Benny Begin still arouses curiosity when he's seen boarding or alighting from a bus. He just didn't develop a taste for cars during his brief stint as science

through en route to

A new role for Orthodox women is being forged, but rabbinic decisions are not keeping pace, Judy Weil reports

ore than two decades after Conservative and Reform feminists began transforming their Judaism, Orthodox women from around the world met last month to assess the strides they had made in their own quiet revolution and to chart their future

"The time was ripe for change," says Blu Greenberg, ehairwoman of the loternational Conference on Feminism and Orthodoxy. "By the turnout alone, which far surpassed our expectations, we understand that we tapped in to a great need. "There were many women, many rabbis and many groups working on these issues in isolauon. It was a very empowering experience for all of us to come together."

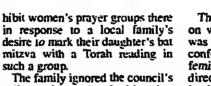
Conference participants will assess what the event accomplished at a panel discussion on Monday at Jerusalem's Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies.

His elder brother, Naftali Lavie, Orthodox feminism may sound diary bringing needy causes to the like an oxymoron, but the issues it chief rabbi's attention, is more speaddresses are of tremendous cific. Hc says he knows of at least a importance, from changing roles hundred cases in which Lau made in the community to resolving the funds available to ecoplight of agunot (women unable to nomically deprived obtain divorces). young couples so that

The term still engenders discomfort among some women, including conference organizers. "Some of the organizers were hesitant to use 'feminism' in the utle for fear that it would raise a red flag," Greenberg said after the conference, "But others among us said: 'If we can't use "feminism" in the title, then we're still at square one, Why bother to organize a confer-

ence? THE DATE which author Jackie Collins The title did not deter women from attending; about 1,000 chose for the launch of more than double the number her new book was not entirely anticipated - came from Israel, the acceptable to her sister, actress Canada, England, the US. Joan Collins, whose artist son Netherlands, South Africa and Sasha Newly was bolding an exhi-Australia bition on the same night. When

The most significant changes bave been in the last 15 years, amoog them women's prayer



ruling, eiting the legitimation other Orthodox rabbis have given women's prayer.

thy with the womeo's goals attended as conferees or speakers. Among them were activist Rabbi Avi Weiss, whom the prayer movement consults on points of Halacha, and Stem College pro-fessor Rabbi Saul Berman, head of Edah, a modern-Orthodox think tank which was a sponsor of the conference. They argued, however, that women's prayer groups should not fight now for the right to recite those prayers long restricted to a minyan of men.

In contrast, Rabbi Irving Greenberg - known for his advocacy of pluralism and dialogue with the non-Orthodox movements - suggested that with a new generation of poskim, women's prayer groups might be recognized as true liturgical communities with the right to recite their prayers as a auorum.

BETTER EDUCATION is another area of change. Since Talmud study was introduced for girls in the 1970s, women's yeshivot have among them Midreshet proliferated, Jerusalem's Lindenbaum and Matan.

Alice Shalvi, head of the Israel Women's Network, said one of the

The only point of disagreement on women's learning was that it was not emphasized enough at the conference. "I didn't come for the feminism issue," Debbie Kram, director of Boston's Maayan Institute, said, "I came for the learning, and if learning makes me feminist, theo I guess I am one." But better education may be a

Orthodox feminism may sound like an oxymoron.

chance to serve in leadership roles, like rabbl or posek (halachic arbiter),

there are now women teachers. experts, who are capable of being poskot. That is important for Orthodox women to see, that rabbis are equaled, if not often outdone by women."

her prediction that there would soon be Orthodox women rabbis, Rabbi David Silber of Drisha, a women's yeshiva in New York, suggested that until Orthodoxy accepts women in this role, the role of the rabbi should he creatively redefined to allow women to hold other positions of authority io the religious community.

to be first." Other rabbis urged caution to

women as teachers in specific areas of Halacha, such as the laws of family purity. Bar-Ilan University and Ohr Torah Institute's Toshiya program train and certify women as advocates for Israel's religious courts. In recent years, women have risen to increasingly important leadership positions in Orthodox synagogues, includiog the once male-dominat-

ed office of president. A handful of rabbis anended a 1986 conference in Israel on women in Jewish law. The New York conference, however, anracted over 30 Orthodox rabbis; the organizers said they realized that rabbis had to be their partners in effecting change.

Shakdiel argued, however, that rabbis had too much of a forum and that the womeo were not prominent enough at the 1986 conference.

RABBIS WERE also enticized over the issue of agunot. Naomi Klass, a former aguna, spoke of her ex-husband's extortion and harassment.

She also recouoted the story of another aguna who yielded to the rabbinical court's pressure to pay her husband \$120,000 to release her. At the Jewish divorce ceremony, however, he handed it over to one of his confederates who then took off with the money. She remains married against her will to

this day. Special rabbinical courts have been set up in the US and Israel to deal solcly with the issue of agunot.

Although we appreciate these cfforts on behalf of agunot of absentee husbands," Esther Sivan of the Israel Women's Network says, "this [Israeli] court still does not answer the question of thonsands of agunot chained by recalcitrant busbands."

Solving the problem may just be question of methodology, says Rabbi Berman.

"Some aguna organizations believe that a total revocation of Torah marriage and divorce is in order, but the system is not subject to revocation. By using the small-er tools of Halacha, we don't have to throw out the baby with the

bathwater." Rabbi Dr. Noam Zohar, senior lecturer in philosophy at Bar-Ilan University, has praise for the advances made, but "I don't think compromises and patchwork will work. Rather, there's a systemwide problem of equality. We have to be committed to change across the board."

Blu Greenberg's now famous aphorism, "Where there's a rab-binic will, there's a halachic way," Women have other options as was widely quoted in the sessions. Yet the rabbinic will apparently is from so-called moderates like Avi offer programs that qualify lagging far behind these women.

Orthodox rabbis in basic sympadead end for women without the

"Yet clearly," Shalvi says,

Wheo Blu Greenberg repeated

(Line Dance' by Sara Harwin Weiss - who have been the source of hope for this movement - is contradictory, disturbing and downright offensive."

ONE PARTICIPANT had decided

not to wait. Haviva Ner-David,

studying at Jerusalem's Shalom

Hartman Insoitute, created a storm

recently when she announced her

plans to seek ordioadon from an

Orthodox rabbi in Jerusalem. She

has already taken upon herself the

commandments of wearing tallit,

"I wish her much success,"

says Leah Shakdiel, whose peti-

tion to the High Court of Justice

won ber a seat on the Yeroham

Religious Council in 1986, and

led to other women being

appointed to couocils nation-

wide, "Anyone who is the first

has to have a bard time." It took

four years for Shakdiel to take

Other women sidestepped the

Ner-David, who on Monday will

"Some of the women at the con-

be on the panel discussing the con-

ference were skeptical, but then

they didn't seem to want to be

doing it themselves. I want to be

and am a spiritually religious.

guide for people. If women are

doing the same studying as men,

then I'm going to jump at the

chance and I hope other women

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Chaim Herzog, whose most recent book Living History has already entered its third printing in the US, while Battles of the Bible, a military history book he wrote together with Prof. Mordechai Gichoo of Tel Aviv University, bas been republished by Greenhill Books. The latter has been selected as the

minister.

ISRAEL'S SIXTH president book - Vendetta.

BOOK IT!

Wednesday, April 23

RA'ANANA SPORTS HALL

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ly refused. Her attitude may have been influenced by the title of her

LITERALLY FOLLOWING suit is Raquel Welch who will take over from Julie Andrews in the Broadway smash hit Victor Victoria. Andrews is due to quit the show in July, at which time Welch will step into both her suit and her shoes.

Joan called Jackie to change the

date for her affair, Jackie absolutegroups, which now have thousands of members worldwide. A Queens, New York, rahbinical council voted in January to pro-

PARENTING

more excluing aspects of the con- avoid hurting other gains. ference was how many "extremely knowledgeable women" attended. running the learning sessions.

Shalvi took exception: "To be

well. The Drisba Institute in New told not to go ton far, to hear it York and Nishmat in Jerusalem

Girls' soccer about to kick off in Israel

By RUTH MASON

Te made aliya last year from North America with three girls, ages six, nine and 10. Each of them played soccer on an organized team that was part of a league that in turn was part of the national American Youth Soccer Organization. My girls love playing soccer and we were sure that in Israel, where soccer is the national sport, we would have no trouble finding a team for them.

Imagine our daughters' disappointment

when all our efforts failed. Why is there no girls' soccer in Israel?

Shlomit Toor-Nir, director, Unit for the Advancement of Women in Sports of the Sports Authority of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport, says:

You've come to Israel at the right time! We are a very traditional, conservative society. Unol now, soccer was considered a boys' sport, something that just wasn't for girls. Now there is an awakening on the part of girls and also on the part of FISA, the International Fontball Association (soccer is known as football in Israel). They recently

seot an announcement to all national member organizations, including Israel, asking them to start leagues for women.

My feeling is that we should start with girls and then move on to women. The Ministry of Education has begun organizing a base for this in schools and community centers throughout the country. We have asked them to organize kat-regel games for girls. This is like soccer, but it's played indoors and with five or seven instead of 11 players. The idea is that we will find those who excel and recruit them onto municipal teams of girls' soccer. Haifa and its suburbs already have 15 girls' kat regel groups which will play in a league, beginning soon. We are simultaneously trying to build a national girls' team within the national football organization. Our efforts in this area are just beginning.

Sports in Israel is still very male-dominated. Of those involved in competitive sports, only 22% are women as compared with a country like Norway, where women's participadon is up to 40 percent.

Soccer is thought of as an extremely male sport. If we can change this image, we'll have taken a big step forward.

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BUSINESS&FINANCE

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in brief

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Fordential buys Scottish Amicable for £2.8b.

The Scoutsh Anneable Life Assurance Society said yesterday and solution in a deal worth £2.8 billion. Prudential beat out two rival item in British banking group Abbey National PLC and the training Method Provident, Australia's largest insurer. Brodesmal said it will make cash payments and offer insurthe organism of Scottish Amicable. There are another 1000 policy holders who have no ownership stake in Scottish Sec. Me

Sear Zealand privatizes water affairs

A joint venture Franco-British company has won the first conwater management ever allowed by a New Zealand 1. Device languager opposition and a stormy protest at manual and Papakura District Council, part of metropolitan the million to buy the right to run its water system.

differ tents say the move to award the franchise to United, a the topy of Compagnie Generale des Eaux and Thames inter will antrease miepayers' bills. The contract, from July 1, AP

The replaces oil, economics ministers

The tax Alass Amirates President Sheik Zayed bin Sultan Al a contracted a new cabinet yesterday, naming new oil and a set that ders out keeping other major posts unchanged. fined in specieved to have wanted to bring new members star convert which had not significantly changed in seven ter a but no major changes were expected from either appointand woods publices are rarely set by the cabinet.

"ated -.tao Emirates is made up of seven small sheikbous of the southwest corner of the Arabian Peninsula. They an der Diribi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ras al-Khaimah, Ajman, the: consultations with the leaders of all the emirates. Obaid bir, barf (d. Saari was appointed as oil minister, succeeding itakad bin Salem bin Rakad who was public works minister and cting oil minister.

laxan dock workers strike

Soching better working conditions, Japan's largest dockwork-..... inion has decided to go on strike during nighttime hours, a mara official sold vesterday. The National Council of Dorkworkers' Unions of Japan, which has 50,000 members, will refuse to lood or unload cargo from 6 p.m. until 8 a.m. The work stoppage will affect the country's six largest ports,

meluding those at Yokohama, Kobe and Osaka, as well as about alf of Japan's "6 ports nationwide, Tamada said.

ECI wins \$58 million contract with BT

by Jenniser Friedlin

Et / Felecom Ltd. of Petah Tikya chief financial officer. Row over spin-off bonuses for Bank Leumi chiefs

FM Levy demands legislation forbidding public companies from granting excessive bonuses

By DAVID HARRIS and GALIT LIPKIS BECK

Bank Leumi chairman Eitan Raff and general manager Galia Maor should refuse to accept the combined NIS 1.2 million bonuses promised them earlier this month for the spin-off deals they led involving the Africa Israel holding company, MKs representing a broad political spectrum said yesterday. Foreign Minister David Levy

said he will request in the next cabinet meeting that legislation be drafted to forbid public companies from granting excessive bonuses. The bonuses to Raff and Maor are unacceptable, according to

Knesset Finance Committee chairman Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism). Former finance minister Avraham Sbohat, bead of the Labor faction in the committee. said that as rational and intelligent

The bank's general shareholders people the two should refuse to meeting is convening on April 1 to accept the money. approve the bonuses. Bank Leumi

decide.

percentage."

Bank Leumi yesterday justified

the high bonuses allocated to its

senior management, emphasizing

that the transaction will bring in

high tax returns and new foreign

maximum price, reaping the high-

est profit to the government, which represents the shareholders.

It is one of the largest transactions ever concluded."

"The sale was completed at the

money into the economy.

"Bonuses should only be paid does not expect any objections. for a prolonged period of success. The major portion of the Africanot on the basis of one deal," said Israel sale was that of Migdal Silvan Shalom (Likud). "Whether Insurance to Italian-based they should refuse to accept the Assicurazioni Generali, one of money is for the company board to Europe's largest insurers, in a deal worth more than NIS 300m Support for the payment came from Zvi Hendel (NRP), wbo

That deal is still shrouded in controversy, as more than 50 famargued the two were responsible for the sale, which brought the company NIS 455m. "A NIS 600,000 bonus is not that great a ilies are embroiled in a legal battle with Generali to be paid out on life and other insurance policies of Holocaust vicoms.

With Generali refusing to pay, Ravitz yesterday demanded the bank set up a fund for the families, claiming the profits from the deal should at least in part go their way. The Generali issue is expected to be discussed by the committee early next month, but Finance Minister Dan Meridor is refusing to appear, despite Ravitz's request. According to the minister, he has no authority to act in the matter, with the sole government power to Insurance belonging Commissioner Doron Shorer. However, Shorer also maintains

he has no legal grounds to intervene. Meridor said the law also prevents him from commenting on the bonuses.

Last week the Bank of Israel decided Raff could not be appointed to head Generali in Israel,

while still running a state firm. MKs Michael Kleiner (Likud-Gesher), Avraham Herschson (Likud) and Nissim Dahan (Shas) have said they will vote against the Treasury in the finance committee until something is done to help the families:

Kleiner said yesterday he intends looking into the possibility that Raff rushed the Generali deal through in order make personal financial gain.

"At first I didn't realize why he [Raff] was so quiet about the whole deal, despite being part of an organization originally set up by the Jewisb Agency," said Kleiner. "Now it's clear that standing behind this shady deal is someone who expects to gain a fat bonus



By GALIT LIPKIS BECK

The directors of Migdal Insurance yesterday rejected Supervisor of Insurance Doron Sborer's demand to dismiss managers recently indicted for

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creating a cartel. The directors of Clal Insurance are expected to decide on the issue next week.

Migdal's board of directors convened yesterday at Shorer's instruction to decide on the continued employment of the managers convicted of price-fixing and other illegal activities in restraint of trade in 1991 and 1992.

Migdal board of directors expressed their full confidence in the continued employment of Migdal Group general manager Uzi Levi, Migdal deputy general manager Gideon Rosolio and Hamagen deputy general man-ager Amichai Harari at the end

of a lengthy meeting. But the directors did not come to a final decision oo the managers' future employment with the country's largest insurance

group. "They contributed and make big contributions to the success and prosperity of the Migdal Group," said the board in an official announcement. "The board is under the opinion not to accept the supervisor of insur-ance's demand..."

The Italian Generali will offi-cially gain control of Migdal from Bank Leumi at the start of April.

Shortly afterwards, on April 17. the company's geoeral shareholders are scheduled to convene to appoint a new board of directors, who will decide on the managers' future employment.

"It is not appropriate for the existing board to make such a significant long-term decision oo an issue which must be discussed by the new board," the board of directors said.

Geoerali is expected to support Levi's continued employmeot, sources close to the com-



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The firm is British Telecom's sole supplier of HDSL equipment, which works on a different part of the telephone line than the DACS-2, but also serves to increase the number of users that can be served through a pair of existing copper-wire telephone lines.

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said Doron Inbar, the company's

ECI, which is expanding its marketing efforts in the Far East, is currently working on a deal to supply \$45m, worth of networking equipment to Chinese telecom operator Ji Tong.

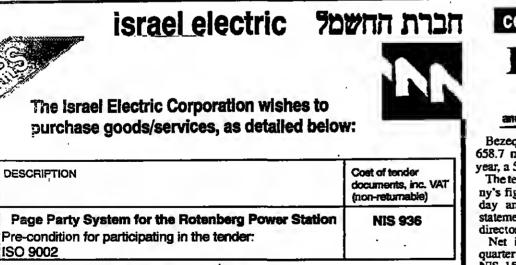
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Boeing lands \$685 million deal with Air China

A cyclist glances at an Air China advertisement featuring a Boeing 747 in Beljing yesterday. Boeing has landed a \$685 million contract with Air China to buy five 777-200 jetliners in an indication that business relations have recovered since a year ago, when Beijing turned to a European rival for its aircraft purchases.



Last date for submitting proposals: May 18, 1997, at 11 a.m.

CONDITIONS APPLYING TO THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS:

A. Participation in a tender is also aubject to respecting the preliminary conditions, detailed in the Tender Regulations 1993, Para. 6(a) 1, 2, 3 (i.e. registration as required by law, compliance with mandatory specifications, and the holding of the permits required by law for businesses). B. If a bidder faile to eubmit a particular document, permit or license, or any other material required

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The tender occuments are available from the import Department, 11 Sderot Pal-Yam, Haifa Sunday to Thursday, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, on submission of a receipt demonstrating payment of the cost (non-returnable) of the documents into the Corporation's account at the Postal Bank. Payment slips and further information are obtainable from the above address, Tel. 04-861-5530/197. The tender documents may be perused before they are purchased on Sunday to Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12 noon, at the offices of the Import Department at the above address. Bids must be aubmitted in a sealed envelope and must be placed in Tenders Box. No. 2 in the Pal-Yam building, Haife (eddress as above), by the last date for submitting bids as stated above. No undertaking is given to accept the lowest or any bid.

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COMPANY RESULTS Bezeq earns record NIS 658m.

By JUDY SIEGEL and JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Bezeg earned a record NIS 658.7 million in net income last year, a 5.2% increase over 1995. The telecommunications company's figures were released yesterday and approved in financial statements by the Bezeg board of directors.

Net income during the fourth quarter rose to NIS 194.5m. from NIS 152.2m. during the previous quarter and NIS 176m in the same period last year.

Annual revenues totalled NIS 8.287 billion, an increase of 4.7% over 1995.

Bezeg chairman Gurion Meltzer and acong director-general Avi Hochman told the board that a substantial chunk of revenue growth was due to increased volume of activity in cellular commu-



nications, an increase in the installation of regular phone lines and the sale of peripheral equipment. All components of revenue, they said, were harmed by the erosion of telecommunications rates due to inflation.

Yet the growth in the volume of local and international calla offset the erosion of rates and also contributed to the growth in revenues.

Clal Insurance oet earnings swelled 98 percent to NIS 119.68m. last year from NIS 60.48m. in 1995.

Fourth quarter net earnings rose 22% to NIS 26.7m from NIS 21.9m. in the same 1995 period. Net return on equity on an annual basis reached 28.6%. The higher earnings reflected an improvement in all fields of activity. Management said the annual results were partly offset by a cartel fine of NIS 6.000.

Earnings from the general insur-ance sector grew 22% to NIS 87.26m., compared with a net loss of NIS 21.94m. in the previous year.

The general insurance division reported a 73% drop in fourth quarter profit to NIS 1.02m. from NIS 3.08m.

In the life insurance sector, profits grew 28% to NIS 183.27m. from NIS 143.11m. Fourth quarter earnings increased 36% to NIS 55.59m. from NIS 40.81m.

Telecommunication Nexus Systems Ltd.'s net losses decreased slightly to \$5.29m. from \$6.17m, in 1995. Revenues rose 37% to \$772.000

from \$565,000. Fourth-quarter net losses were up to \$1.43m., compared with \$1.39m in the same period last year. Revenues rose to \$146,000 from \$145,000.

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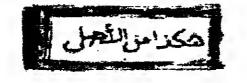
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They said Geoerali acquired Migdal with Levi, who has more than 50 years of experience in the sector.

The future employment of Clal Insurance general manager Rimon Ben-Shaul will be decided at a board of directors meeting only after the board examines the legal opinions on the issue in more detail, a Clal official announced at the end of a three-hour directors meeting at which Shorer's demand was discussed.

"The directors want to examine the legal opinions in more detail; there are many aspects that must be considered," a Clal spokesman said. Sborer could not be reached for comment.

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Good Knight for Lakers

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EAST RUTHERFORD (AP) - Rookie Travis Knight had 18 points and 14 rebounds and the Los Angeles Lakers avoided their first three-game losing streak of the season by beating the New Jersey Nets 109-84 in Mooday night's only game. The Lakers are 10-10 since Shaquille O'Neal injured his knee.

The win moved them a half-game ahead of the Houston Rockets in the race for the third-best record in the Western Conference.

FIFA plan to widen Bosman transfer rule

ZURICH (AP) - FIFA is set to amend its rules so that players of all nationalities - so long as they play in the European Union - can move on free transfers under the Bosman regulations. The move will bring stars such as Brazil's Ronaldo.

Colombia's Faustino Asprilla and Nigeria's Nwankwo Kanu into line with players born in EU countries. Once the players are out of contract, the clubs they move to no longer have to pay a transfer fee.

The rule came into existence 15 months ago after Belgian soccer player Jean-Marc Bosman successfully gained a court ruling against his club. FC Liege, that it should not receive a transfer fee because his contract had ended.

India's Dalmiya to be new ICC chief

NEW DELHI (Reoter) - India's Jagmohan Dalmiya will be the next head of the International Cricket Council (ICC) for a threeyear term after the retirement of Sir Clyde Walcott in June. India's cricket board chief said yesterday.

Dalmiya played a key role in organizing the World Cup joint-ly hosted by India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka last year. He has also been aggressively promoting the idea of commercial sponsorships for cricket and taking the game to more countries.

India were unanimously elected to provide the presideot unol June 2000 at a special general meeting of the ICC on Sunday.

Ran loses in Casablanca

CASABLANCA, Morocco (AP) - Marcelio Craca of Germany, defeated Eyal Ran, 6-4, 6-2 yesterday in the first round of the King Hassan II Open tennis lournameot In other singles action, Gilbert Schaller (4), Austria, defeated Tamer El Sawy. Egypt 7-6(7-2), 6-3.

Moslems protest Israeli cricketers

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) – More than 500 Moslems burned Israeli flags and chanted "crush Israel" yesterday to protest against an Israeli cricket team playing here.

The noisy two-hour demonstration was organized by the youth wing of an Islamic party, which demanded the government seod back the sportsmen, the first Israelis to ever play in this Islamic nation.

The demonstrators from the opposition Parti Agama Se-Islam held banners that read, "Get out Israelis, we bate you" and "Israelis Get Lost," and cheered their leaders who delivered anti-Israeli speeches.

Later, they marched through downlown Kuala Lumpur and delivered a protest letter at Prime Minister Mahathir Mobamad's office.

"The ruling party and Mahathir claim they are Moslems ... This is a disgrace, letting Israelis ... into our nation ... We will fight to get them out," the party deputy presi-dent, Hadi Awang, said.

"This is only a warning to get them out. If it is not heeded by the government we will disrupt the games ... We will hunt the Israelis in every nook and corner and kick them out," said another leader, Abu Bakar Chik.

About 200 riot police sat in two trucks while about 20 other policemen mingled among the demoostrators, but there was no trouble.

The Israelis played their first match on Monday. Kenya, 157-3, defeated Israel 154-8 by seveo wickets in the tournament of 22 non-Test playing nations. The 21-day tournameot will

allow the top three participants to



Moslem fundamentalists burn an Israeli flag to protest the presence of an Israeli cricket team in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

play in a competition for the sport's top prize, the World Cup, in England in 1999.

Malaysia, a staunch supporter of the Palestinian cause, has no diplomatic relations with Israel, and bans

interaction between its citizens. Malaysia, however, allowed the cricket team, saying it wanted to show Israel that it is possible for multiracial and multi-religious societies to live in harmony.

The government has given its approval for the visit of the team and we do oot intend to revoke it," Mabathir said. Last year, Malaysia allowed select businessmen to visit Israel to

express support for improving Israeli-Palestinian relations. According to Reuters, Israel play Ireland today; Singapore tomor-

row, the US on Saturday, and Gibraltar on Sunday.

Hap Petah Tikva fading away

By ORI LEWIS

Maccabi Herzliya appear to have assured themselves of another season in the National League after beating Hapoel Petah Tikv3 1-0 in a postponed game held over from 11 days ago.

The Herzliyans came away from the Petah Tikva municipal ground which bad been waterlogged on the original match day (March 15) with a win, following a sixth-minute goal by Roman Filipchuk. Walid Bdir was at fault as he made a defeosive error to allow Filipchuk free rein, and the Herzliya forward made no mistake against Sbai Hess.

The Petah Tikvans are fading badly in the league~ race for 3 place in Europe, and while their first-round performances kept them in the title picture, their drop from second to third place in the standings is a sign that they still have to gain much experience before they are ready to challenge for the major honors.

while Petah Tikva failed to capitalize on several opportunities to score. Bdir put the ball in the net on 11 minutes, but only after fouling Herzliya 'keeper Shuli Gilardi. In the second half, Avi Fletcher headed onto the crossbar and Motti Kakkon missed from a

comfortable position. Petah Tikva, whose poor performance prompted some supporters to call for coach Nir Levin's dismissal, are now in third place with 45 points from 23 matches, while Herzliya are in 12th spot with 26 points.

In a second division match held over from the same weekend and for the the same reason, Hapoel Hadera and Betar Tel Aviv drew 0-0.

~-In other news, the national junior (under-16) side take -on Yugoslavia in the first leg of their final qualifier for the European championiships today in Loznica. The return keg will be held in Israel on April 16. Tal Banin returned to action as the oational squad

began its training camp for the all-important World Herzliya closed up their defense after the goal, Cup qualifier with Luxembourg on Monday.

Lofton, Justice swap wigwams

ATLANTA (AP) - The Braves RBIs and 28 stolen bases. and Indians pulled off a major trade today in which Atlanta scot outfielders David Instice and Marquis Grissom to Cleveland for outfielder Kenoy Lofton and reliever Alan Embree.

The NL champion Braves were lonking to trade the high-priced Justice to free room in their salary structure for re-signing pitchers Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine, both free agents at the end of the season. Justice, who missed nearly all of last season with a shoulder injury, will make \$12.5 million over the next two seasons.

The Indians were facing the loss of Lofton, one of the game's top

However, his on-base percentage was only .349 and it was believed he would have been better suited at a lower spot in the batting order. Justice, 30, separated a shoulder on May 15 and missed the rest of the season. However, be seemed to have no lingering effects of the injury when he returned to the lineup this spring. Embree, 27; was clearly a throw-in to the trade, but he does

fill a need on the Braves staff. Atlanta bad been seeking another left-hander to go with Kevin Rogers in the bullpen, allowing Terrell Wade to remain the fifth Liverpool keep in touch with Utd

LONDON (Reuter) - Liverpool closed to within three points of Premier League leaders Mancbesler United on Monday with a controversial 2-1 win at third-placed Arsenal.

The relegation battle between Middlesbrough and Nottingham Forest ended 1-1.

The first half at Highbury was a high-speed affair with little time on the ball for either side.

Liverpool's Stan Collymore missed three decent chances while Dennis Bergkamp blazed over for Arsenal.

But five minutes into the second half Collymore was presented with an unmissable opportunity when David Seaman failed to hold a shot by Stig Inge Bjornebye.

Seaman, playing his first game after nearly two months out injured, was heavily involved in the second Liverpool goal in the 65th minute. He was penalized for bringing down Robbie Fowler in the box despite the Liverpool player doing his best to convince the referee that there was no contact.

Seaman then saved Fowler's poorly-struck penalty, - only for Jason McAteer to bang in the rebound.

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Gretzky leads Rangers past Penguins

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Gretzky had a goal and an assist in what probably was his final regular-season meeting with Mario Lemieux as the New York Rangers blanked the reeling Pittsburgh Penguins 3-0 Monday.

Gretzky scored into an empty net in the final minute of the third period after setting up the first goal of the game early in the first. Lemieux, bothered by persistent back pain and still recovering from treatment for Hodgkin's disease, has said this almost certainly will be his final year in the NHL.

"If Mario had stayed healthy he would have broken my records. especially the one where I got 92 goals in one season," said Gretzky. "He also was capable of getting more than my 162 assists."

Gretzky and Lemieux, the pre-

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Wayne mier players of their era, faced amassed 61 scoriog records. Lemieux in 12 seasons has 13 each other 25 times during the regular season. Gretzky's teams went 17-7-1 and he outscored Lemieux in those games, 60 points to 38. Gretzky in 18 seasons has

scoring records. Lemieux said, "I am at peace with my place in the game's histo-

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leadoff hitters, at the end of this season. The center fielder already had told the team he didn't want to talk about a contract extension and he planned to file for free agency following the 1997 season.

"This very significant deal brings us arguably the game's finest leadoff bitter in Keooy Lofton." Braves general manager John Schuerholz said.

"In addition, our bullpen is strengthened considerably by the acquisition of hard-throwing lefthander Alan Embree."

Lofton. 29, gives the Braves their best leadoff hitter since they traded Brett Butler more than a decade ago. He hit .317 with 14 homers, 67 RBIs and 17 stolen bases last season.

Grissom, also 29, led off for Atlanta the past two years and bad one of his best seasons in 1996, hitting .308 with 23 homers, 74

starter. Embree split time last season the Indians and Triple-A Buffalo, going 1-1 with a 6.39 ERA in 24 games with the Indians.

lan Wright pulled one back 12 minutes from time but it was too late for Arsenal who stayed six points behind United from a game more. Liverpool manager Roy Evans said he thought his side deserved to win a "very competitive game ... it's a tough place to come and win," he said.

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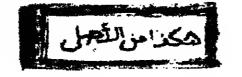
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The Jerusalem Post Wednesday, March 26, 1997

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

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MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Straight from winning a Grammy in New York, Russian-born Israeli pianist Yefim Bronfman zeturna to play with the Israel Phillearmonic Orchestra, Tonight at Jerusalem's ICC and Thursday, Sunday and Monday at the Mann Andhorium in Tel Aviv, Bronfman plays Brahms's first plano concer-to while Mendi Rodan leads the orchestra in Survinsky's Firebird and Ami Ma'ayani's Sinfonietta on Jewish Themes (8:30 except Sunday at 7). On Saturday (9) at the Mann Anditorium in Tel Aviv, Bronfman plays Beethoven's first piano concerto while Mordechai Rechtman leads the orchestra in Mozart's 36th symphony and his own arrangements of Bach organ works performed by woodwinds. Harvey Bordowitz leads his Herzliya

and Vaughan Williams's Fantasia on a Theme by Tallis, while percussionist extraordinaire Chen Zimbalista, playing marimba and vibraphone performs, the marimba concerto by Rosauro, and

Poseidon for marimba, vibraphone and strings by Prado. Tonight at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza hotel in Herzliya, and next Monday at the David Raziel Cultural Center in Netanya (8:30).

ENGLISH POETBY

HELEN KAYE

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

A new comic miniseries by the BBC airs tonight

on Channel 1, at 11. Next of Kin, starring top-notch

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thirty days, right? (7)

. . . . Poet Karen Alkalay-Gut will read her poems in Hebrew and English with pianist Liz Magnes, herlong-time friend and collaborator, improvising her own signature style of jazz on the piano, in an evening titled Poetry and all that Jazz . Alkalay-Gat, whose prizes include the 1990 BBC World Poetry Award, is currently shortlisted for a major American literature prize. Her poems are wise and witty, evocative, sensual and accessible. Magnes, a composer as well as a performer, has an almost uncanny gift for tuning into the personality of her partner. Tonight at the Beit Lessin Theater, Tel Aviv at 9.

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Following his success at the IPO's 60th-anniversary Chamber Orchestra in Dvorak's Serenade concerts, pianist Yefim Bronfman returns.

> British actors Penelope Keith and William Gaunt, makes fun of a spoilt and selfish middle-aged couple who are suddenly saddled with three mischievous grandchildren who have become orphaned.

> Istiglal is a documentary by Nizar Hassan which examines Israel's Arab minority, their feelings and their future. To them, Independence Day is a test. One schoolteacher says: "Independence Day means nothing to me, but if the law requires that a flag be flown, I will be the first to do it." A schoolboy, on the other hand, only said he wished to burn the flag. Set your video for Channel 2, 2:30 a.m.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★ FIERCE CREATURES — This all-tooaccurate spoof of corporate take-over culture is set in an English zoo, reunites the cast of A Fish Called Wanda, and works just as a follow-up comedy should: instead of confining the actors to repetition of a few tried-and-true shticks, the filmmakers trust in the ensemble's chemistry, and set them loose to try on new roles. The strength of both pictures lies in John Cleese's script - he wrote the new movie with film critic lain Johnstone - and in the actors' complementary personalities. While Fierce Creatures does seem a bit tamer than the first movie, it's also marked by flashes of mad inspiration, With Cleese, Kevin Kline, Jamie Lee Curtis and Michael Palin. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)



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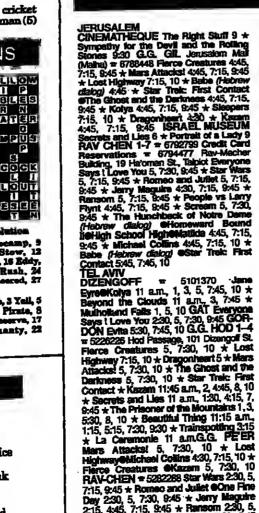
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Court criticizes A-G over polygraph

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By BATSHEVA TSUR

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The High Court of Justice yesterday riticized Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein's decision not to undergo a olygraph test before accepting his posi-

Responding to a petition from the Movement for Quality Government in israel, the court ordered Rubinstein to innounce within 10 days whether he is repared to undergo the test or to sushend all such tests in the civil service. the court added that, if he chose the secand option, he could not commue to sit in the public commission which is manining the question of polygraph

Justice Ministry: There was no 'private arrangement'

lests. Rubinstein announced at the time of his appointment that he refused to take the test, as he opposed the idea in principle. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu then waived the test for him. However, the polygraph test continues to be mandatory for all civil servants who deal with classified material.

At an earlier hearing on the issue, the court had offered Rubinstein the same two options. Ruhinstein, however, announced that he was awaiting the decision of the public commission headed by

retired Supreme Court justice Dov Levine, which is dehating the necessity of the polygraph tests. Rubinstein, who has consistently opposed the test, is a member of the commission.

At yesterday's hearing, Justice liezer Goldherg criticized Eliezer Rubinstein's reasoning, saying: "What disturbs me is that the attorney-general feels that the test interferes with civil rights. If this is so, the civil rights of all those civil servants still being required to undergo the test [until the findings of of polygraph tests in the civil service and the commission are made public] are the GSS during the next 10 days.

being affected."

Ruhinstein has set up a "private arrangement" for himself, Justice Dalia Domer said, and this has created a situation of inequality. "It is an intolerable situation if the head of the legal hierarchy sets up private arrangements for himself," she said.

Later yesterday, the movement decided to petition the court for an interim injunction against the government, the GSS, and Rubinstein which would prevent the use

Alternately, the movement requested an injunction obliging Rubinstein to undergo a polygraph test.

a polygraph test. "It is clear that the attorney-general cannot refer to the statements made by the High Court," the Justice Ministry spokesman said in response to the ruling. "But there is one point [to be clarified]: There is no 'private arrangement.' The examination of the matter was carried out by the cahinet, which decided in principle with regard to the attorney-gen-eral that, so long as nothing else has been decided, every person has the right to express his opinion regarding the Basic Law: Human Dignity and Freedom, and to act accordingly.

Two no-confidence motions defeated

By LIAT COLLINS

Two motions of no-confidence in the prime minister filed by Meretz and Hadash over the construction in Har Homa were defeated yesterday by votes of 51 to 42 after a raucous debate. The two Moledet MKs abstained.

Both Meretz leader Yossi Sarid and Hadash MK Ahmed Sa'ad said the policy of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu had created the current security situation.

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza responded for the government, hampered by heckling at almost every sentence. He belittled the opposition's claim that the timing for Har Homa is not right, saying it would never be right for the Palestinians.

"The opposition should be slightly more responsible." said Matza, "We warned you when you placed the Oslo Accords on the table that you were bringing danger to our very door." Matza said the opposition had intended dividing Jerusalem, "but the people threw you out of power." He said Israel wants to continue the talks with the Palestinians, hu without terror. Israel will continue to build in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria "in spite of the opposition." he added.

Matza accused the opposition of undermining the government. "In Khan Yunis and Gaza today they also heard Yossi Sarid questioning our abilities." he said.

Sarid launched an attack on the prime minister based on the Likud election campaign slogan promising "a secure peace." "We will not blame Netanyahu

for the terror attacks," said Sarid,

"but we can put the responsibility on him for the security and political situation."

Sarid also said that if Netanyahu's statements that Yasser Arafai gave the green light to violence are true, the premier should not have called for him to return from Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. "If he encourages terror he should stay in Sri Lanka," Sarid said. "Or maybe the light was not as green as Netanyahu described it."

He accused Netanyahu of spreading panic and accusing Yitzhak Rabin of being responsible for the terror attacks which occurred during the previous govemment. He said the present opposition acts responsibly, with restraint

Sarid called for immediate steps to rebuild the confidence between Israel and the Palestinians. "Without them, things will deteriorate into war," he said. "Netanyahu is the last person who is able to rehabilitate and renew."

Sa'ad also blamed Netanyahu for the deterioration in the relations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. He warned the Labor Party against attempting to join a national unity government, saying it would destroy the peace process, not further it.

The prime minister, who was not present for the debate or vote, missed criticism closer to him, when Likud MK Ruby Rivlin attacked the government for continuing to call for negotiations with the Palesunians, while at the same time saying they are responsible for the violence.



Going down

A mountaineer prepares to demonstrate his rappelling skills yesterday from the top of the Tel Aviv Municipality, in honor of (Dana Steman/Israel San) Police Day.

Judges reject Channel 2's request for tapes

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Deri objected to his lawyer's refused to give information to wisb to be attorney-general, since police, because of lawyer-client this would mean his leaving the confidentiality. The confidentiali- trial in the middle. Avi-Yitzhak

Magistrate's Court to lift the confidentiality clause regarding previous debates on evidence in Avi-Yitzhak's possession. Judge Dan Yitzhak's possession. Judge Dan said that Shas spiritual leader. Arbel rejected the motion, but Rabbi Ovadia Yosef would be allowed only parts of the protocol to be published. Channel 2 then appealed to the district court, asking that all details be published. Channel 2's lawyers argued that if there was a publication ban on hearings, this meant that the material discussed was important and should be made public. But Judges Menahem Ilan, Moshe Telgam, and Amos Zamir rejected the appeal, arguing that if all details were published, damage would be caused to the police investigation In the Bar-On

Meanwhile, police sources investigating the Bar-On case

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Forecast:

In yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the eight of spades, king of hearts. jack of diamonds, and nine of clubs.

The winning numbers in last night's Lono drawing were 4, 14; 24, 27, 35 and 38; the supplement tary number was 19.



Shahak slams Dotan parole

By LIAT COLLINS

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Annon Lipkin-Shahak yesterday iold the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee that the proposed release of embezzler Rami Dotan from military prison is a "serious mishap."

"The parole board's decision is unreasonable," he said, but added that only the High Court can overturn it. Dotan, a former air force procurement officer, was convicted of embezzling over \$10 million and is to be released after serving half his 13-year sentence.

Meanwhile, MK Yona Yahav (Labor) is demanding a parliamentary inquiry into the case. He list-

ed 10 questions which such a panel should look into, including why the initial investigation did not continue after Dotan made a plea bargain; why no further charges were pressed against Dotan for things discovered after the plea bargain; why Dotan is serving his sentence in a military prison; whether there are secret plea bargains involved; and whether any air force accidents

were related to Dotan's actions. In another matter, Shahak told the committee that the IDF is checking all procedures relating to the investigation of training accidents. "A change is necessary, because current procedure does not answer new needs," he said.

By RAINE MARCUS

A panel of three Tel Aviv District Court judges yesterday rejected an appeal by Channel 2's news department to disclose tapes and protocols held by lawyer Dan Avi-Yitzhak from previous court hearings in the Bar-On Affair.

Avi-Yitzhak, originally MK the so-called "Bar-On for Arych Deri's lawyer before Hebron" more than two months resigning in the middle of his complicated fraud trial and the Bar-On probe, had been sum-

AT THE KNESSET

By LIAT COLLINS

The Knesset last night unani-

ty clause was lifted later by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court and Avi-Yitzhak gave evidence, but a publication ban was placed on the court protocol.

Avi-Yitzhak, who had made no secret of his wish to be attorneygeneral, was accused by some of leaking information to Channel 1 reporter Ayala Hasson, who hroke

ago which led to the subsequent investigation. Avi-Yitzhak has continually denied the leaks,

asked to be released from the case, but Deri refused. Eventually Avi-Yitzhak resigned from the case, citing his client's alleged involvement in the Bar-On case. Now, say sources close to the case, not only is Deri "extremely angry" with his former lawyer, hut so is Prime Minister

Binyamin Netanyahu and Prime Minister's Office Director-General Avigdor Lieberman. Yesterday, Channel 2 lawyers Hanan Meltzer, Nava Eilon, and Misgav Nakdimon asked Tel Aviv

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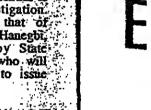
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summoned for questioning. In the past there was speculation over whether Yosef would be questioned, since MK Arych Deri consults with him on every mat

Now it seems the police deem Ovadia's questioning essential to complete their investigation. Testimony, including that of Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, is heing scrutinized by State Attorney Edna Arbel, who will decide against whom to issue indictments.



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Bill to ban monuments to murderers passes first reading

mously passed the first reading made by April 17. of a bill by MK Ran Cohen (Meretz) which would ban the establishment of monuments to murderers.

The hill contains a clause under which exisiting monuments can be removed, including Baruch Goldstein's memorial in Kiryat Arba. Cohen cited specifically both the Goldstein monument and reports that Palestinians want to establish monuments for suicide bombers.

New science minister needed Dalia Itzik (Labor), chairwoman of the Knesset Science and Technology Committee, has written to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu reminding him that the Basic Law: The Government requires a minister who resigns to be reptaced within three months and noting that time is running out to replace Ze'ev Begin, who resigned over the Hebron agreement

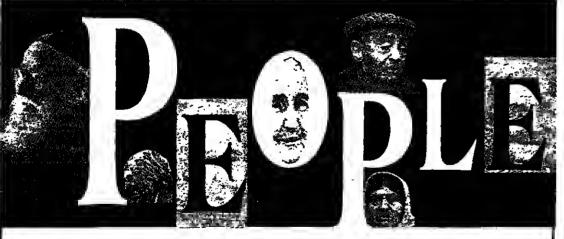
The appointment needs to be the guest of Speaker Dan

Water quality comes to fore Some 55 percent of Israelis do not drink tap water and 48% are not happy with the quality of drinking water. These figures were quoted yesterday by Dafna Har-Even, of the Histadrut's Consumer

Tichon. He was met with a full Minister David Levy. honor guard. He sat in on part of the Knesset plenum discussions which opened with a tribute to the Tel Aviv bombing victims. Blanco also met with Foreign

Tichon also met yesterday with US Sen. Rick Santorum, head of a 20-member AIPAC delegation. The two discussed the peace process.





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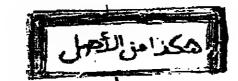
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